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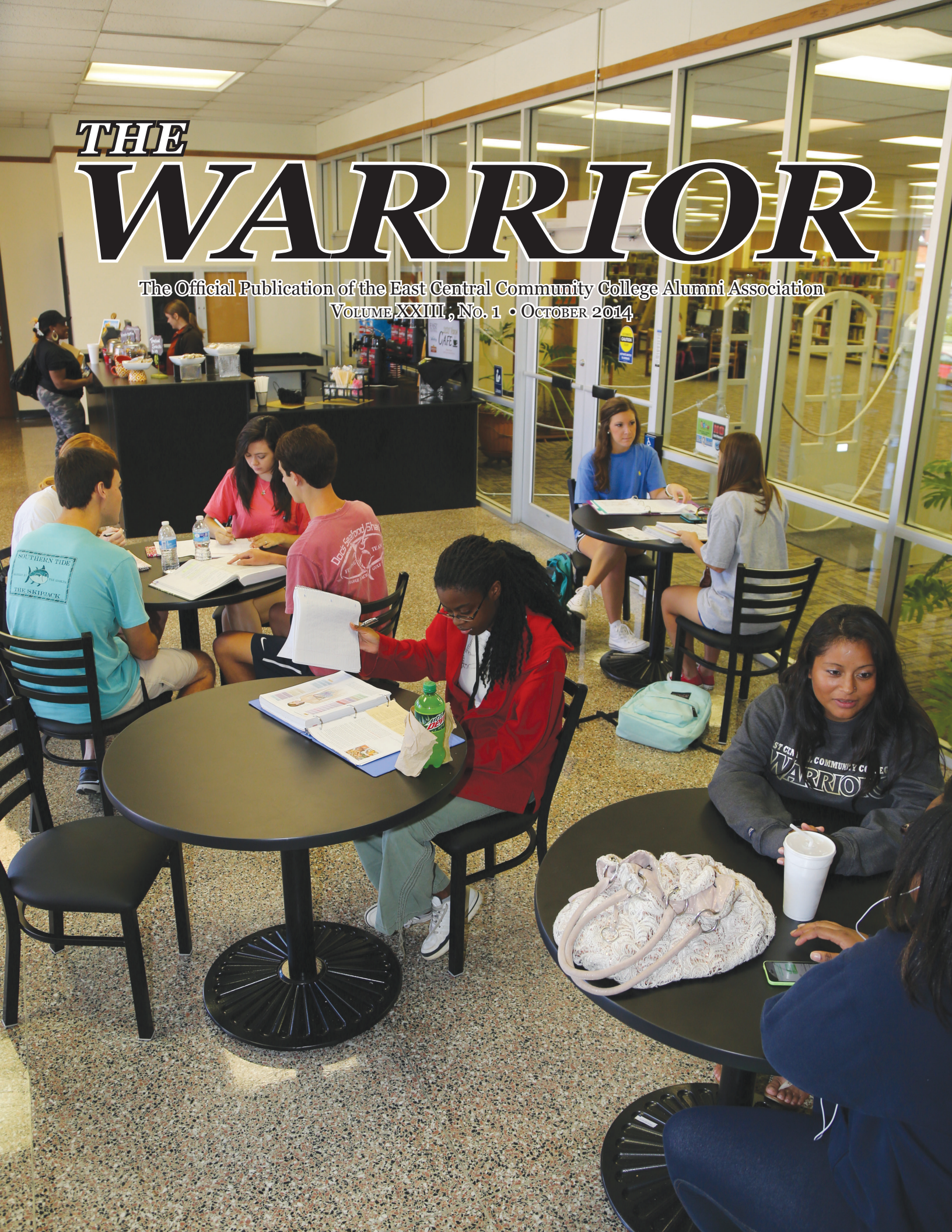

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ALMA MATER

Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise,
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
We give our love to you;

Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

On the Cover:

East Central Community College students are shown enjoying the new 2020 Vision Cafe located in the lobby of the recently renovated Mamie Ethel Burton Library. Valley Services, Inc., which also runs the cafeteria, sells coffee, tea and pastries in the new space from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The area also serves as a gathering spot for students to visit or study during their free time.

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From the Desk of the President
Dr. Billy Stewart

I recall that while writing my last article for The Warrior magazine I was in my office, it was late in the afternoon, and almost everyone had gone home for the day. That was in May of 2014 and this time it is a little bit different. Now, I am writing on an early Saturday morning in late September, I am at the President's home, and I am about to prepare to travel to Meridian with Emily to watch Will and his Newton County High School teammates run in a cross country meet. It is this type of event in the life of my family that I do not want to miss, even if it takes getting up early on a Saturday morning to write this message.

A lot has happened in and around the East Central Community College (ECCC) campus in the five months between my writings. We have paved and/or striped several parking lots throughout campus. We have added parking at the newly renovated Cross Hall which hosted classes this fall for the first time in two years. We have replaced the carpet in Burton Library as well as flooring in various offices and other areas throughout campus. We have added a sidewalk and are in the process of adding pedestrian lights behind Bailey Stadium so students and employees will no longer walk in the street to get to the Livingston Recreational Trail, Softball Field, and Soccer Field. We have added bicycle racks at three locations around campus for students and employees who wish to ride their bike to class. We have upgraded several restroom facilities to make them more accessible. We have removed all of the seating from Huff Auditorium and will soon replace those chairs with new, more comfortable seats. We installed new lighting on North Warrior Drive from Highway 15 to the Baseball Field that lights up that area of campus at night. We have also opened a coffee shop this semester in the lobby of Burton Memorial Library with the help of our food service partner, Valley Services. And of course, we have transformed our football stadium with the addition of a synthetic turf field, sidewalks, and fencing.

I hope that the next time you are on campus you will take the opportunity to walk around and enjoy the upgrades and improvements completed throughout the campus. Many of these enhancements were a result of the input we received from our students, employees, and community members as we developed the college's roadmap for the future, 2020 Vision. Speaking of responding to input from our students, an architect assigned by the Bureau of Building, Grounds, and Real Property Management visited campus this summer and has begun the creation of specifications for renovations to our dormitories. It is anticipated that these renovations will be phased-in over several summers due to the cost to renovate each residence hall. I am hopeful that the first phase will be completed during the summer of 2015.

The entire ECCC family is working hard to fulfill 2020 Vision for our institution and I am excited each time an implementation initiative is undertaken that addresses an action plan under an Institutional Commitment. I am convinced that our commitment to Student Success, Teaching and Learning, Community Partnerships, Resource Planning and Development, and Communication will allow us to meet the educational and training needs of individuals in our five county service area now, and in the future. As you browse through this edition of The Warrior magazine, know that while we have much to celebrate in the implementation of our strategic plan, there is still much more to be done!

Currently, campus personnel are diligently preparing for and planning a Homecoming Week filled with fun activities for our students, alumni, and guests as we celebrate our 86th year of operation. I want to congratulate our 2014 Homecoming Honorees, including our Lifetime Achievement honoree Bobby Everett, as well as the newest members of the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame. Each one of these special individuals is featured in this edition of The Warrior, and we look forward to recognizing and honoring them at the luncheon on Saturday, October 11.

Not only have things changed around campus during these last five months, several things have changed in the life of the Stewart family. Stephanie and I are now the proud parents of a college student as our oldest son, Stephen, is now an East Central Warrior. He has become an active member of the band, concert choir, and Collegians and has enjoyed all aspects of campus life. In addition, Will is now a high school senior, Elizabeth is a 9th grader, and Emily is a 6th grader. That means no more elementary school for the Stewarts and two children in college at this same time next year. In addition to these changes, our family had an opportunity this summer to travel to Chiang Mai, Thailand, in early July for a mission trip with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. We were able to minister to missionary families and their children from all across southeast Asia. Stephanie and I had the honor of spending time with seven 11th graders whose families minister in Burma, India, Thailand, and Korea. What a blessing they were to us!! I appreciate the Board of Trustees approving my request for personal leave time to be a part of this important trip in the life of my family.

Although the times of the writings may be different and numerous things have changed over these past five months, several things remain the same. We are still receiving rec-

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Taggerts Address EC Students About Son's Death

Andy Taggert talks about his late son Brad to a packed Brackeen-Wood gym at the start of the 2014 fall term. Taggert, a prominent attorney, author, columnist political analyst and former chief of staff to the now late Gov. Kirk Fordice, said his 21-year-old son took his own life as a result of a drug addiction. Taggert described his son as "as a maddening combination of attitude and winsome boyish joy that charmed everyone around him." Brad, an avid hunter and fisherman, finished his junior year at the University of Mississippi and was attending Mississippi College at the time of his death. Taggert's wife, Karen, is shown reading their son's suicide note, which alluded to Brad's overwhelming challenges due to his drug addiction. Taggert said his son was "drug free" at the time of his death. The Taggerts also presented their message of faith and hope before ECCC administrators, faculty members and staff at the College's pre-session workshop.

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ognition as a top community college in the state of Mississippi as the Clarion Ledger, in their June 14, 2014, edition, ranked ECCC as the #1 community college in the state based on the academic performance of our transfer students and our cost of attendance.

We are still receiving national recognition as well. ECCC recently had 24 student-athletes receive Academic Student-Athlete Awards from the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). Four student-athletes received the Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence (4.0 GPA), five students received the Superior Academic Achievement award (3.8+ GPA), and fifteen students received the Exemplary Academic Achievement award (3.6+ GPA). That is outstanding, but it gets even better. ECCC had more student-athletes recognized for their academic performance by the NJCAA (24) than any other community college in the United States of America. Now that is remarkable for a school our size! I am so proud of the student-athletes who achieved this national recognition.

Finally, I am still convinced that God has a great plan for this institution. I still have a burning desire in my heart to make His name, not mine, great among the nations. I am still reminded each day how blessed I am to be a member of the ECCC family. I am still overjoyed when the special things happening all around this campus are recognized by those within and outside of our college. ECCC is still a very special place and you are always welcome on our campus. I guess no matter how much things change around here, some things will always remain the same!

I hope you enjoy this edition of The Warrior magazine. It's a GREAT day to be a Warrior!!

East Central Receives High Marks in Annual 'Report Card'

In accordance with House Bill No. 1071 from the 2010 Legislative session, East Central Community College (ECCC) in Decatur has released its 2012 Community College Performance Profile, or Report Card. The bill created an Education Achievement Council (EAC) which was established to set education achievement goals for institutions of higher learning and community and junior colleges in the state and to assist in monitoring progress towards those goals through the preparation of annual institutional and state report cards.

The Community College Report Card, designed to reflect the unique mission of community colleges, incorporates measures closely aligned with the Voluntary Framework of Accountability developed by the American Association of Community Colleges. Therefore, each report card includes information for the specific community/junior college, along with corresponding figures for the state system which includes all 15 state community/junior colleges. Information contained in the report includes student enrollment, degrees awarded, student success, student retention, student progress, workforce development information, GED® and adult basic education statistics, as well as enrollment and success in development or remedial coursework (college readiness).

In the 2012 Community College Report Card, ECCC ranked above the state averages in numerous categories. In the crucial category of Student Success, ECCC excelled in the area of overall graduation percentages, particularly among pre-baccalaureate and technical students. Also evident is ECCC's top tier performance in preparing students to transfer to 4-year institutions. In the overall summary measurement of student success, ECCC exceeded the state average.

Other categories of comparative strength for ECCC within credit programs were overall student retention and percentage wage gains for associate of arts, technical, and career graduates. In the area of licensure pass rates for healthcare professionals, ECCC graduates passed these exams on first write at a rate of 94.9%, significantly surpassing the state average of 87.7%.

In workforce training activities, the data reveals ECCC as a leader in the number of individuals served and industry credentials awarded. Trainees from ECCC workforce programs increased wages by a percentage higher than state norms.

In addition, ECCC continues to display a commitment to outreach and excellence in the awarding of GED's, again ranking in the upper half of the state.

Dr. Billy W. Stewart, president of ECCC stated, "Results of the 2012 Report Card demonstrate that ECCC is continuing to make progress on the Institutional Commitments contained in our strategic plan, 2020 Vision. We are very proud of that and look to strengthen those aspects of our mission that rank above the state average on the Report Card. However, as in previous years, the Report Card has identified areas of improvement for our college as well. Likewise, we look forward to working with our faculty, staff, and students to improve in those areas as ECCC strives to become Nationally Recognized and Locally Preferred. The overall results of the Report Card demonstrate that ECCC is making great progress in Student Success, Community Partnerships, and Teaching and Learning. Progress in these Institutional Commitments enables our students to experience an excellent postsecondary education right here at home."

The 2012 Performance Profile (Report Card) for ECCC can be found on the college's website at http://www.eccc.edu/consumer-information. In addition, a copy of the 2012 Performance Profile can be obtained from the Office of the President.

EC Students Commemorate Constitution Day

Students at East Central Community College celebrated Constitution Day on September 17 with the student-led reading of the U.S. Constitution, distribution of copies of the Constitution and an American history trivia questions session to win prizes on the Decatur campus. Pictured Madison Pettigrew of Forest signs in to take part in the reading of the U.S. Constitution in the mall area outside Mabry Cafeteria on Constitution Day. ECCC History instructor Betsy Anderson led the event.

ECCC Again Recognized as Military Friendly School

For the third consecutive year, East Central Community College in Decatur has been designated as a Military Friendly School by Victory Media, the leader in successfully connecting the military and civilian worlds.

Now in its sixth year, the Military Friendly Schools designation and list by Victory Media is the premier, trusted resource for post-military success. Military Friendly provides service members transparent, data-driven ratings about post-military education and career opportunities.

East Central Community College is once again designated as a Military Friendly School for its commitment to providing educational services to military students. ECCC received the prestigious award from Victory Media, which honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide that embrace America's military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus. Jessica Gibson (second from left) Coordinator of Veteran's Affairs and Enrollment Services, and Deanna Rush, Director of Admissions and Records, are shown displaying a plaque signifying the honor. Also pictured are ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart (left) and Dr. Randall Lee, Vice President for Student Services.

The Military Friendly Schools designation is awarded to the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace military students, and to dedicate resources to ensure their success in the classroom and after graduation. The methodology used for making the Military Friendly Schools list has changed the student veteran landscape to one much more transparent, and has played a significant role over the past six years in capturing and advancing best practices to support military students across the country.

ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart said he is "extremely proud" the college has again earned recognition as a Military Friendly School.

"East Central Community College has a strong commitment to our country's men and women in the military as evidenced by being named a Military Friendly School for the third year in a row. We will continue to provide high-quality programs and services to assist military personnel in meeting their educational goals. I want to thank Jessica Gibson and Deanna Rush in the Office of Admissions and Records, and Dr. Randall Lee in Student Services for their leadership in providing these important services as well as applying for and securing the prestigious award," said Dr. Stewart.

The Military Friendly Schools designation process includes extensive research and a data-driven survey of schools nationwide approved for Post-9/11 GI Bill funding. The school survey, methodology, criteria and weightings are developed with the assistance of an independent Academic Advisory Board comprised of educators from schools across the country, and are independently tested by Ernst & Young LLP based upon the weightings and methodology established by Victory Media. The survey is administered for free and open to all post-secondary schools who wish to participate, Criteria for consideration can be found on the Military Friendly Schools website, http://www.militaryfriendly.com, and a complete list of schools can be found through Schools Matchmaker tool on http://www.gijobs.com.

The survey captures over 50 leading practices in supporting military students and is available free of charge to the more than 8,000 schools approved for Post-9/11 GI Bill funding. As in year's past, the 2015 Military Friendly Schools results were independently tested by Ernest and Young LLP based upon the weightings and methodology developed by Victory Media with input by its independent Academy Advisory Board.

Victory Media is service-disabled, veteran-owned business serving the military community since 2001. The company's data-driven Military Friendly lists are published in G.I. Jobs. Military Spouse, Vetrepreneur media channels, republished in periodicals like USA Today, Wall Street Journal, Fortune, Bloomberg BW and are frequently cited on national TV by NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN, CNBC, Fox News and others.

For more information regarding services provided military veterans at ECCC, contact Jessica Gibson in the Office of Admissions and Records, at 601-635-6392 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 392. The email address is jgibson@eccc.edu.

East Central Hosts Medgar Evers Exhibit

East Central Community College is serving as a host site for the Medgar Evers exhibit, This is Home, which is currently on display through Friday, November 21, 2014, in the newly modernized Burton Memorial Library on the Decatur campus.

An opening reception for the exhibit was held from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29 in Burton Library. Refreshments were provided by the college's Culinary Arts Technology students. Barry Karrh serves as instructor.

ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart and the Board of Trustees invite the public to view the exhibit as often as possible.

"Our institution made a commitment to Community Partnerships in its strategic plan, ***2020 Vision***. An action within this commitment includes exploring and offering unique cultural events and activities to enhance the quality of community life. Please join us for this very important occasion as we celebrate the fulfillment of another action plan of the college's ***2020 Vision,***" said Dr. Stewart.

"This is Home" details the life of one of Mississippi's most prominent Civil Rights activists, Medgar Wiley Evers.

A native of Decatur and a World War II veteran, Evers was hired by the NAACP in 1954 as a field secretary. In that role, he crisscrossed the state, logging thousands of miles as he investigated cases of racial violence and intimidation, organized local NAACP branch offices, and registered voters. Evers also worked closely with regional and national NAACP offices and other civil rights organizations. His reports to the national office, speaking tours, and media interviews helped focus national attention upon the intense social and political issues plaguing the state, raising the profile of Mississippi's Civil Rights Movement.

The night of June 12, 1964, after returning home from a community meeting, Evers was shot and killed in his Jackson driveway. He had known his life was at risk, but even at the end, facing entrenched opposition and grave danger, Evers never relented in his fight for justice, a legacy that has lived on today. "This is Home" celebrates the life, legacy and accomplishments of Evers upon the fiftieth anniversary of his death.

"This is Home: Medgar Evers, Mississippi and the Movement" was sponsored by the following organizations: Mississippi Department of Archives and History, the Foundation for Mississippi History, and the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Collection, with the special permissions of Myrlie Evers and Reena Evers-Everett.

For more information about this exhibit or the traveling exhibits program, contact the Department of Archives and History at 601-576-6997.

Student Body Association Leaders

Pictured at left are 2014-2015 student government officers at East Central Community College in Decatur. Students and their respective hometowns include (from left) Leah Ferguson, Student Body Association (SBA) president, of Philadelphia; Warner Parkes, SBA treasurer, of Nanih Waiya; Hannah Mitchell, SBA vice president, of Meridian; and Addie Ambrosier, SBA secretary, of Magee. Director of Housing/Student Activities Kristi Smith serves as sponsor.

LA Screenwriter/Actor Visits ECCC Class

Barlow Jacobs, a screen writer and actor residing in Los Angeles, Calif., discusses the "Hollywood life" to students in Jason Armstrong's Film as Literature class during his recent visit to East Central Community College campus in Decatur. Jacobs, a longtime friend of Armstrong, has worked with Joaquin Phoenix, Phillip Seymour Hoffman, Michael Shannon, Ray McKinnon, Hal Holbrook, David Gordon Green and many others. He has worked on several featured-length films including Shotgun Stories, The Master, That Evening Sun and many more. Jacobs is married to Ruth De Jong, a production designer on major Hollywood productions, including There Will Be Blood and Water for Elephants) as well as nationally distributed commercials.

ECCC President Featured on WLBT-TV

East Central Community College President Dr. Billy Stewart (left) was interviewed by Walt Grayson of WLBT-TV recently for a special news segment on the Jackson television station. Dr. Stewart discussed the earlier implemented In-District Tuition Scholarship provided by the estate of ECCC alumna Frances Gaines Blum Slagle. The scholarship, officially named the Children of Andrew and Inez Gaines: Marjorie Mansfield, Mary George Pace, Frances Gaines Blum Slagle, Virginia Gaines Smith and Geneva Gaines Boring In-District Scholarship, is a financial aid program for incoming freshmen residing in the five-county service area and serves as a "gap-filler scholarship" for students who do not receive and/or qualify for sources of funding sufficient to cover the cost of tuition. Grayson's interview with Dr. Stewart aired during the WLBT 6 p.m. newscast Thursday, Sept. 18.

Johnston Honored for CPRAM Service

Bubby Johnston (left), vice president for public information at East Central Community College, receives a plaque of appreciation for his service as president of the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi (CPRAM) from incoming president Danny Blanton, director of public relations at the University of Mississippi in Oxford. The presentation was made during the 2014 CPRAM Conference held May 19-20 in Tupelo.

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ECCC Policeman Reed Honored

Officer Scott Reed (left) of the East Central Community College Police Department recently graduated from the Mississippi Delta Law Enforcement Police Training Academy hosted by Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead. Officer Reed also received special recognition for winning top overall honors in the Class B-48 Physical Fitness Training Competition. The Meridian resident is shown displaying a law enforcement certificate he received for completing the demanding 12 weeks of police training. At right is ECCC Chief of Police John Harris. (Submitted Photo)

New Additions to ECCC Staff

The most recent additions to the East Central Community College staff include Jody Addy, precision machining and manufacturing technology instructor; Melissa Allman, personal development specialist/site coordinator; Betsy Anderson, history instructor; Daniele Brock, First-Year Experience instructor; David Case, vice president for institutional effectiveness and research; Ben Cooper, assistant football coach; Sharli Daigle, biology instructor; Blake Everett, English instructor; Tammie Fitzgerald, ABE/GED® Testing Input Manager/Examiner; Austin Golden, assistant baseball coach; Bridgett Hitt, financial aid administrative assistant; Harold Hollingworth, heating, venting and air conditioning technology instructor; Charles Jones, assistant football coach; Krista LeBrun, dean of eLearning; Christopher Kelly, EMT-Paramedic Technology instructor; Michelle Lee, sociology instructor; Tylan Martin, assistant football coach; Michael Miles, mathematics instructor; Kimberly Mott, assistant director of financial aid/loans; Valerie Nicholson, nursing instructor; Courtney Nunn, assistant softball coach; Cornelius Parks, police officer; Madison Price, Jake Rowell, assistant baseball coach; history instructor; Marcia Russell, nursing instructor; Robert Savell, IT software support specialist; Kristi Smith, director of housing and student activities; Mae Thornton, assistant director for financial aid/work study; Leslie White, financial aid administrative assistant; and Christa Wilhite, e-Learning coordinator.

Jody Addy

Addy previously served as Manufacturing Fundamentals instructor at the Forest/Scott County Career and Technology Center, a position he held since 2010.

He was employed by the Mississippi Department of Transportation as a Survey Party Chief from 2007 to 2010 and was a Tool and Die Maker at La-Z-Boy South from 2000-2007.

A graduate of Newton County High School, Addy received his Associate of Applied Science degree in Precision Machining from East Central Community College in 2000. He is certified in Machining Level I through the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) and has attained certification in IC3, a global certification program designed to certify an individual's digital literacy skills associated with basic computer and Internet use. In addition, he has earned The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) instructor certification.

Addy and his wife, the former Brook Winstead of Philadelphia, have a one year old son, Jebson Ray. They attend Mt. Zion Congregational Methodist Church.

Melissa Allman

Allman, a Louisville resident, previously served as an administrative assistant for the Winston/Choctaw County Regional Correctional Facility.

From 2010 to 2013, she was employed as Distance Learning Specialist at Hinds Community College where she previously served as an admissions clerk.

In addition, her experience includes a stint as dual enrollment coordinator/distance education assistant at Mississippi Delta Community College.

Allman completed her associate of arts degree at Mississippi Delta Community College and received her bachelor of science degree in business administration from Mississippi University for Women.

She and her husband, Breck, have two daughters: MeriEvelyn, 11, and Mia, 9, who both attend Winston Academy.

David Case

Case previously served as Director of Monitoring at the Mississippi Community College Board in Jackson, where he assisted in developing an improved statewide audit system for community colleges for more than 80,000 students.

Case has more than 21 years of experience in higher education, which includes 18 years of service at ECCC, where he first served as Director of Technology Management and later as Dean of Admissions, Records and Research.

While at ECCC, Case was actively involved in the development and submissions of the college's 10-year reaffirmation report to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. He was also involved in educational research for a number of years.

A graduate of Jim Hill High School in Jackson, Case received a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Mississippi and earned a master's degree in business administration from Millsaps College. He has completed additional coursework toward a doctorate in management science at the University of Alabama.

He is married to the former Paige Sullivan of Brookhaven. They have three daughters, Karen Elizabeth and Catherine Lovorn, both upperclassmen at Mississippi State University in Starkville, and Mary Madelon, a high school senior.

Ben Cooper

Cooper, who serves as tight ends coach, spent the past two years as an assistant coach for the Abilene Bombers of the Arena Football League, and the past four years as a graduate assistant at Hardin-Simmons University, also located in Abilene.

His duties with the Abilene Bombers included coaching offensive linemen, tight ends and fullbacks. He also assisted with special teams.

Cooper helped lead the Bombers to the 2013 playoffs. His offensive line was voted "Best Line in the League" following the 2012 and 2013 seasons. Cooper was also selected to coach in the 2013 Arena Football All-Star Game.

He began his coaching career in 2010 at Hardin-Simmons, where he coached linebackers, quarterbacks and tight ends. He also served as a recruiter and was responsible for all out-of-state recruiting.

Cooper is a 2004 graduate of Austin (Texas) Hyde Park Baptist School, where he was a football standout at quarterback. He also excelled in basketball and track.

He continued his football career at Texas Lutheran University in Sequin, Texas, where he was a two-year letterman at tight end. He was also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Cooper received a bachelor's degree in theological studies at Texas Lutheran in 2009, and earned a master's of divinity in family ministry at Hardin-Simmons in 2014.

He is the son of Walter and Juanita Cooper of Austin. He has a brother, Alexis Cooper.

Blake Everett

Everett previously served as an English instructor for West Lauderdale Middle School and an adjunct professor for East Central Community College.

He served as an English instructor/English division chairperson at Sebastopol Attendance Center from 2009 to 2013 and was employed as an English instructor at Kemper Academy from 2007 to 2009.

Everett received the Associate of Arts degree from Shelton State Community College

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ECCC PBL Adviser, Student Honored at National Conference

East Central Community College business technology instructor Christy Ferguson (left) and her daughter, sophomore Leah Ferguson, both of Philadelphia, received special recognition at the National Phi Beta Lambda Conference held earlier this summer in Nashville. Christy Ferguson was recognized as PBL Adviser of the Year in Mississippi, and Leah was selected for Who's Who in Phi Beta Lambda for Mississippi. Leah also placed 14th with other Theta Chi chapter members in the Small Business Management Plan competition. The Fergusons have been affiliated with FBLA-PBL for a combined 20 years. Several students representing the two-year college in Decatur also received honors at the annual competition. In addition, Theta Chi was one of only two state chapters to receive the prestigious Gold Seal recognition. (Submitted Photo)

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and was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Alabama. He earned his Master of Arts in Teaching at the University of West Alabama.

He attends Pine Grove Church in Martin where he serves as a Sunday school teacher and deacon. In addition, he is the Cub Master of Pack 16 of the Boy Scouts of America in Collinsville.

He is married to Jennifer Huey of Collinsville. They have two sons: Cole and Wesley.

Sharli Daigle

Daigle previously served as an adjunct biology instructor at ECCC in 2011 and since the fall of 2013. She joins ECCC after previously serving as an environmental engineer at ESCO Corporation in Newton.

Daigle and her husband, Joel Daigle, own Signature D Horses where she is a horse trainer.

A 2006 ECCC graduate, Sharli Daigle, was a graduate assistant while completing her master of arts in teaching in biology from the University of West Alabama. She earned her bachelor of science degree in environmental science in 2009 followed by her master's degree in 2010, both from UWA.

Daigle attends Decatur Church of God.

In addition, she is an avid horseman and a member of the National Barrel Horse Association.

Tammie Fitzgerald

Tammie Fitzgerald of Little Rock was recently selected ABE/GED© input manager/examiner at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Fitzgerald, who recently began her new duties at ECCC, also serves as an adjunct educational psychology, human growth and development and child psychology instructor at ECCC. In addition, she previously served as accounts payable clerk for the ECCC Business Office.

Fitzgerald earned her masters of arts in teaching degree in community college education from Mississippi State University in Meridian in 2011. In addition, she received her bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary students summa cum laude from MSU-Meridian. She earned her associate in arts degree from ECCC in 2007.

Fitzgerald has two children: daughter, Casey Fitzgerald Young of Flowood; and son, Cory Fitzgerald of Little Rock.

Prior to joining the Diamond Warrior staff, Golden was as an assistant baseball coach at Troy University in Troy, Alabama, from 2012-14, He helped lead the Trojans to the 2013 Sun Belt Conference title. He received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 2014.

Golden's coaching experience also includes a brief stint as assistant coach for an American Legion team in Troy.

Austin Golden

He was a member of the Troy baseball team from 2011-12.

Golden began his college career at Northwest Shoals Community College in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, in 2009-11. He was a member of the 2010 Patriot squad that claimed the Alabama Community College Regular Season Championship.

He is a 2009 graduate of Cullman High School and was a member of the 2007 and 2008 baseball squads, which captured Alabama High School Athletic Association 5A State Championships.

Harold Hollingsworth

Hollingsworth has almost 20 years of full-time work experience in the area of HVAC. He has been employed in numerous positions with The Service Company of Meridian, including

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ECCC Practical Nursing Program Graduates

Careers in the healthcare field await the above graduates of East Central Community College's Practical Nursing Program, who received special recognition at the annual pinning ceremony held Tuesday, July 29 2014, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. Students who completed the 12-month program and their respective hometowns include (first row, from left) Savannah Hillman, Conehatta; Brooklynn Paige Boyette, Noxapater; Tratia Foster, Meridian; Candace Irine Bradley, Rose Hill; Alyssa Norwood and Miriam Williams, both of Decatur; Stephanie Hope Linch, Louisville; Sharonnie Barney, Bailey; and Callie Craig, Carthage; (second row, from left) Arianna Creekmore, Philadelphia; Hope Ware, Union; Jenah Brown, Meridian; Amy Ishee, Bay Springs; Heather Hannah, Louisville; LaShondra Hall and Brittani Rhoney, both of Meridian; Ashleigh Hutson, Pulaski; and Ashley Green and Crystal Carter, both of Meridian; Allyson Nichols, Morton and Hadley Shea Tate, Philadelphia; and (third row, from left) Christy Wilson, instructor; Tommy Kelley, Meridian; Kelli Dailey, Decatur; Natalia Jones, Pachuta; Conashya Headd, Louisville; Tony Alford and Sean Johnson, both of Forest; Vicki Brown (Practical Nursing Student of the Year), Carthage; Lauren Humphries, Decatur; and Theresa Cole, instructor.

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apprentice, HVAC system installer, HVAC service mechanic, HVAC controls programmer and supervisor for the Building Automation and Energy Solutions Division.

He received the associate of applied science degree in heating and air conditioning technology from East Central Community College in 1998. He has also earned credit hours at the University of Southern Mississippi and Ferris State University.

Hollingsworth and his wife, Heather, have one son, Matheson, 10.

After serving the past year as a graduate assistant football coach, Jones was named a full-time football assistant.

Charles Jones

Jones, a native of Waynesboro, Georgia, and a product of Burke County High School, is a 2005 graduate of the University of Alabama, where he earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and played in the defensive backfield for the Crimson Tide football team from 1999-2003. He was a three-year starter at safety and was named the All-Southeastern Conference Team as a defensive back in 2003. He also received the Bobby Jones Most Improved Defensive Back Award in 2001. Jones served as team co-captain his senior season in 2002-2003.

After graduating from the University of Alabama, Jones was signed as an undrafted free agent by the NFL's New York Giants. Following a brief period with the Giants, he played for the Georgia Force of the Arena Football League for two seasons.

He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Mississippi State University in Starkville, where he coached defensive backs from July to December in 2008.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff as a part-time assistant, Jones held coaching positions at three high schools in Alabama – Central High School, Bessemer City High School and Jackson-Olin High School, serving as defensive coordinator at two of the schools.

Kelly previously served as a paramedic with SCRMC of Laurel.

Christopher Kelly

He has also served stints with North Mississippi Medical Center in Oxford, American Medical Response of Jackson and Neshoba General Hospital.

His experience also includes serving as a safety manager for various businesses and industries including Avery Dennison, MTD Products, GE Aviation, Weyerhaeuser, Kuhlman Electric and La-Z-Boy South.

Kelly is a graduate of Newton High School and received his associate of arts degree from East Central Community College in 1990. He completed a certificate in Para-medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 1993 and received the bachelor of science degree in Manufacturing Technology from Mississippi State University-Meridian Campus in 2001.

Kelly has four children: sons, Dent, Corey, Tanner and Samuel; and a daughter, Maygan.

Dr. LeBrun, previously served as Director of e-Learning at Meridian Community College since 2010. She earlier served as Distance Learning Coordinator.

Krista LeBrun

She is also a former online academic adviser and interim director of online marketing for the University of West Alabama in Livingston.

In addition, Dr. LeBrun is a former adjunct instructor at MCC and UWA.

She began her career in education as a computer instructor at the Meridian Activity Center and later served as an elementary school teacher from 2004-07 for the Lauderdale County School District.

Dr. LeBrun is a member of numerous professional organizations and currently serves as Mississippi Virtual Community College (MSVCC) e-Learning Association President for 2014-15. She also serves as Chair of the

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eLearning Association Support Committee. Dr. LeBrun will also represent ECCC at the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy (MCCLA) this year.

She is also a member of the Association for Advancement in Computing in Education (AACE), the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), the American Association for Community Colleges (AACCL) and the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and the Honor Society of Kappa Delta Pi.

After receiving her GED diploma, Dr. LeBrun continued her education by earning an associate's degree from Meridian Community College in 2004; a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Mississippi State University-Meridian in 2006; a master's degree in curriculum and instruction in adult education with emphasis in distance learning at the University of Phoenix (online) in 2008; and a doctorate in instructional leadership with emphasis in instructional technology from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, in 2012.

She was recognized as a dean's list scholar at MCC and a president's scholar at MSU-Meridian, where she twice received the William Winter Scholarship. She was a recipient of the Susan D. Bedsole Scholarship at the University of Alabama.

Dr. LeBrun is married to Patrick R. LeBrun, a Meridian police officer. They have a daughter, Lorelei M. LeBrun.

Michelle Lee

Lee previously served as an adjunct sociology instructor at ECCC and East Mississippi Community College. She also taught marriage and family at EMCC. She earlier served as an English instructor and AmericaCorps tutor and supervisor with ECCC.

She is also a former pre-school and Spanish teacher.

Lee said her favorite part of teaching besides the fact that she is "endlessly intrigued by my subject matter" is the students.

"I learn so much from my students and I feel so privileged to get to know so many great people," Lee said. "I am regularly moved by their intelligence and insight and their kindness."

Lee has lived in 11 states and is originally from Maine but said she considers Mississippi her home.

"I love the state of MS and its unique history, people and culture," Lee said.

The 1998 graduate of ECCC earned her bachelor of arts degree in social sciences in 2008 from Southern New Hampshire University in Brunswick, Maine and her masters of arts in teaching degree with emphasis in sociology in 2013 from Mississippi State University-Meridian.

Lee is married to her husband of 26 years, Dr. Randall E. Lee. They have two grown children, one daughter and one son, and a daughter-in-law, and their first grandchild is "on the way."

She is active in the MS Auxiliary of the Gideons International, and she is a member of Beulah Baptist Church in Little Rock where she teaches Sunday School to the youth.

Tylan Martin

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Martin served as volunteer assistant at the John Grass Football Camp in June 2014, and worked as an assistant football coach at White Plains High School in Anniston, Ala., in the fall of 2013.

Martin is a 2009 graduate of Oxford (Ala.) High School, where he earned an advanced diploma. He twice received All-County honors in football and was selected to play in the North-South All-Star Football Game. He also excelled in varsity basketball and track. In addition, he received Student of the Week honors on two occasions.

He continued his football career at Jacksonville State (Ala.) University, where he was a standout wide receiver from 2009-11.

Martin received a bachelor's degree in exercise science and wellness at JSU in August 2014. He also minored in coaching.

His parents are Regina and Trenice Martin of Oxford, Ala. He has a brother, Todd, who also resides in Oxford.

Michael Miles

Miles was previously employed by the Scott County School district as a high school mathematics instructor at Scott Central Attendance Center, a position he held since 1995.

In addition, he served as division chairperson, senior sponsor/advisor, new teacher mentor and participated in various staff development presentations.

Miles was selected STAR Teacher on three occasions, received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Forest Area Chamber of Commerce nine times, and was selected Scott Central Teacher of the Year in 2012. He was also selected Mississippi Alliance for Minority Participation Outstanding Teacher in 1996 and 1998 and was named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

He is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Mississippi Association of Educators.

Miles attended East Central Community College and received his bachelor of science degree in mathematics education from Mississippi State University. He was awarded the master of science degree in mathematics from Mississippi College.

He and his wife, Rachel, have three children: Evan, Nina Marie and Morgan.

Kimberly Mott

Mott transferred from the college's Workforce Development Center, where she had served as marketing specialist since 2006. She earlier served as a financial aid counselor at ECCC from 2002 to 2006.

Her first stint at the college was in 1996-1997 when she served as assistant to the director of development and alumni relations.

Mott also has teaching experience, including four years as a business/computer teacher at Newton County Academy, serving as an adjunct business and office technology instructor for ECCC and as a marketing/business and office technology instructor at Meridian Community College.

She received the associate's degree from Meridian Community College, a bachelor's degree in business and industry with emphasis in marketing from Mississippi State University and a master's degree in workforce training and development from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Mott and her husband, John, have three children: Joshua, Jacob and Jesslyn. They attend First Baptist Church in Newton.

Valerie Nicholson

Nicholson previously served part-time at ECCC since 2011, teaching certified nurse assistant classes as well as serving as clinical instructor for several levels of nursing students.

She has also served as a full-time nurse with Rush Health Systems for seven years, at Homecare Hospice of Sebastopol for one year, and at the Sebastopol Medical Clinic for two years.

An honor graduate of Sebastopol Attendance Center, Nicholson continued her education at ECCC, where she completed the Licensed Practical Nursing program in 2004. She was also recognized as LPN Student of

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the Year and received Student of the Month honors.

Nicholson returned to EC to complete the Associate Degree Nursing program in 2010. In addition, she was a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges.

She is a cum laude graduate of Mississippi University for Women, where she received a bachelor's degree in nursing in 2012. While attending MUW, she became a member of the Zeta Rho Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, a nursing honor society.

Nicholson earned a master's degree in nursing from William Carey University earlier this year.

Her community activities include serving as pianist at Rocky Hill Church of God in Sebastopol and volunteering with the local 4-H Club.

She is married to Billy Nicholson of Philadelphia. They have four children: son, William and three daughters, Breann, Olivia, and Heather.

Courtney Nunn

After serving the past two years as a part-time assistant softball coach, Nunn was recently named a full-time assistant on the Lady Warrior softball staff.

Prior to joining the ECCC coaching staff, Nunn assisted with recreational projects for the Jackson Parish Recreation Department in Jonesboro, La. The Jonesboro native also has experience as an umpire for softball and baseball games on several levels. In addition, she has provided pitching instruction to young softball players in her hometown and the five-county district area of ECCC. She also served as a volunteer pitching coach for a softball clinic hosted by East Mississippi Community College.

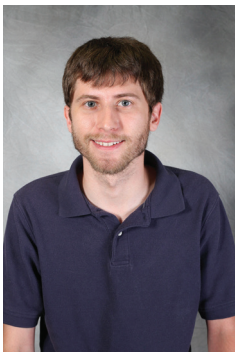
Nunn is a former softball standout as a pitcher on the high school, community college and four-year college levels.

Cornelius Parks

Parks returns to ECCC after previously working for the college in 2011. Since 2012, Parks worked for Performance Contractors, Inc./ Southern Company Project. He also has numerous years law enforcement and military experience, working with other police departments and as an airman for the Mississippi Air National Guard.

Parks received his police certification in 2003 at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy. He also received training while in the Guard including the U.S. Armed Forces Diversity and Basic training courses in 2002. In addition, Parks was certified in forensic interviewing by the Center for Interviewer Standards and Assessment in 2006.

Parks is married to Cassie Cox Parks of DeKalb. They have seven children; Cameron, Christian, Charity, Candace, Chandler, Catelynn and Caleb. Parks attends Bread of Life Ministries.



Madison Price

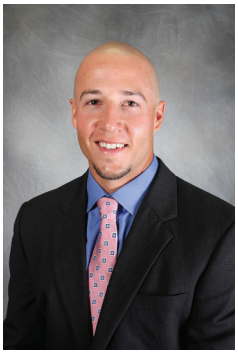
Price previously served as U.S. and World history instructor at Choctaw County High School and also served as an adjunct professor for Holmes Community College.

He earlier taught courses in American government/economics, world history, American history and world geography/ Mississippi studies at Hebron Christian School.

Price is also a former teaching assistant in the Department of History at Mississippi State University.

He received his associate's degree from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and earned both the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from Mississippi State University.

He and his wife, Jessica, reside in Decatur. His parents are John and Dana Price of Wiggins and he has one sister, Jana Ball of Ridgeland.



Jake Rowell

Prior to joining the Diamond Warrior staff, Rowell served a brief stint as head coach of the Prospects National Travel Baseball Team in Kyle, Texas.

He is also a former head baseball coach at Marion (Ala.) Military Institute, serving from August 2012 to September 2013. He served the previous year as an assistant coach.

Rowell's coaching experience also includes serving as head coach of the Beaumont (Texas) Gladiators Select Baseball Club and his participation in various summer baseball league programs.

He also has several years of experience as a private instructor for all phases of the game.

In addition, Rowell is a former baseball official and umpire for the Texas Association of Sports Officials.

Rowell is a 2011 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, where he received a bachelor's degree in science, health and exercise science and was a standout baseball player. A two-year starter and letterman, he helped lead the Trojans to the 2011 Sun Belt Conference Tournament Championship and the university's first NCAA Tournament appearance. He served as team captain during the historic season. The previous season Rowell helped lead the squad to the 11th best "turnaround" in college baseball.

He was also a Dean's List Scholar at Arkansas-Little Rock and was included on the Sun Belt Conference Academic Honor Roll.

Rowell began his college career at Angelina College in Lufkin, Texas, where he received an associate's degree in arts, physical education and health sciences in in 2009. He was also a member of the Roadrunners baseball team.

He is a 2007 honor graduate of Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School in Orange, Texas, where he was a member of the Bears baseball and golf teams.

Marcia Russell

Russell previously taught 10 years in the associate degree nursing program at Meridian Community College.

In addition, she has served as regional director for the Sylvia Rayfield NCLEX Review since 2011.

She was previously employed as a school health nurse for the Meridian Public School District from 1998 to 2003. She began her career with Rush Foundation Hospital in 1994 serving as a staff nurse and charge nurse in the NICU.

She received the Associate of Arts degree in nursing from Meridian Community College in 1994 and the Master of Science degree in nursing from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2005.

Russell and her husband, Craig, have four children: Tyler, Kyle, Sydney and C.J. They are members of Friendship Baptist Church in Collinsville.

Robert Savell

Savell previously served as regional technician/helpdesk support specialist at Community Bank since 2004.

He previously served as computer technician for Magee Enterprises, Inc. in Brandon.

After receiving his associate's degree from ECCC in 2000, Savell earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Mississippi State University in 2002. Savell continued his education by earning a

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Practical Nursing Club Makes Donation to Winston County Students

Members of the Practical Nursing Program at East Central Community College recently donated school supplies to students in the Winston County School District. Pictured with the donated items include Practical Nursing Club officers, Lydia Wolfe and Megan McElhenney, both of Decatur, president and vice president, respectively; Lauren Whitehead of Louisville, secretary; and Nikki Tucker of Philadelphia, treasurer.

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master's of science in instructional technology degree from MSU in 2003.

Savell is a native of Lake. He is married to Diane Savell, who is also an ECCC alum and a native of Meridian. They have two children, Parker, 6 and Jamey, 4. They are active members of Salem Baptist Church in Lake.

Kristi Smith

Smith previously served as an English, reading and written communications teacher at Newton County Middle School since 2003. In addition, she served as head varsity cheer coach.

After receiving her associate's degree at ECCC, Smith continued her education by earning a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Mississippi State University-Meridian in 2002 followed by a master's degree in elementary education from MSU-Meridian in 2008, where she was inducted in the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

Smith is married to Ryan Smith, a native of Noxapater. They have four children, Kailee, Kaden, Kye and Kollins. They are active members of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur.

Thornton previously served as accounts payable clerk for the college's business office since 2013. Prior to her time at ECCC, Thornton was employed with Central Mississippi Residential Center in Newton, where she served as an administrative assistant for the nursing department since 2007.

Mae Thornton

After receiving her associate's degree at ECCC in 2001, Thornton continued her education by earning a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Mississippi State University-Meridian in 2003.

Thornton is married to Neil Thornton. They have two daughters, Emma Claire and Molly.

Leslie White

White was previously employed at Newton County Bank in Newton.

She is a graduate of Scott Central High School and East Central Community College. She is pursuing her bachelor's degree at Mississippi State University-Meridian.

White has been married to Matthew White for nine years. They have a six-year-old daughter, Audri Ann.

They are members of Longino Baptist Church in Philadelphia, where Leslie White works with the youth group.

Christa Wilhite

Wilhite previously served as director of e-Learning at the Holladay Center for eLearning at Meridian Community College. Prior to assuming the director's role, she served as eLearning support specialist for MCC.

She is also a former coordinator of the online testing center for the Office of Information Technology at University of West Alabama, where she served from January 2011 until November 2012.

In addition to her service in the Office of Information Technology at UWA, Wilhite is a former online academic advisor for UWA's Division of Online Programs.

After receiving her Bachelor of Science in psychology from the University of West Alabama in 2005, Wilhite continued her education by earning a Master of Science in Continuing Education with emphasis in counseling and psychology at UWA in 2006. She is currently pursuing her Doctorate of Philosophy in educational psychology from the University of Alabama.

She was a recipient of the Paul W. Terry Scholarship at UA in 2010-11 and the Trustee Scholarship at UWA from 2001-2004.

Wilhite is married to Michael Wilhite of Little Rock. She is the daughter of Joe and Janis Sayers of Lauderdale.

Armstrong to Present ECCC Humanities Program Oct. 27

English and literature instructor Jason Armstrong of Meridian was recently selected 2014 Mississippi Humanities Council Teacher of the Year at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Each year, the Mississippi Humanities Council honors one faculty member from each of the state's community colleges and four-year colleges and universities.

In recognition of his selection, Armstrong will present a program titled "What Did Socrates Say to the Chicken Farmer" at 6:30 p.m., October 27, in Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

"I will relate my personal and professional experiences outside of education; discuss the importance of a Humanities-focused curriculum in education; and explain why the community college system is the most unique position to emphasize this focus."

Armstrong graduated with a bachelor's degree from the College of Agriculture (Poultry Science) at Mississippi State University in 1997, was awarded a Master's in Business Administration in 1998, and a Master of Arts in Teaching (Community College Education with English emphasis) in 2009.

Jason Armstrong

Prior to joining the East Central family in August 2009, he served as an adjunct professor of management at Mississippi State University in Meridian, as well as a Commercial Relationship Banker in Meridian, Tupelo, and Jackson.

Armstrong is a 2010 graduate of the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy, and he was chosen as the HEADWAE Outstanding Faculty Honoree in 2011. In addition to these honors, he has attended the Southeastern School of Commercial Lending at Vanderbilt University and the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University.

The son of Meridian natives Charlotte and Richard Armstrong, a retired Colonel in the United States Marine Corps, Armstrong currently splits time between Meridian and New Orleans, where his girlfriend, Danielle, a former East Central student, is pursuing a master's degree in nursing and certification as a family nurse practitioner at Nicholls State University.

He has recently published articles in America's Civil War magazine as well as LEGENDS magazine, in which he interviewed East Central alumnus, Randy Houser.

For more information, contact Dr. Teresa Houston, ECCC vice president for instruction, at 601-635-6203, or email thouston@eccc.edu.

2014-15 ECCC BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

November			
3	Coahoma	Away	6 & 8 p.m.
6	Delgado	Home	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
13	East MS	Home	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
17	Coahoma	Home	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
20	MS Delta	Home	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
December			
4	Meridian	Away	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
8	Jones	Home	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
13	Baton Rouge	Away	2 & 4 p.m.
15	Delgado	Away	5 & 7 p.m.
January			
6	East MS	Away	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
10	MS Delta	Away	2 & 4 p.m.
12	MS Gulf Coast	Away	6 & 8 p.m.
15	Co-Lin	Home	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
20	Hinds	Away	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
22	Pearl River	Away	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
26	Southwest	Home	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
29	Meridian	Home	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
February			
2	Jones	Away	6 & 8 p.m.
5	MS Gulf Coast	Home	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
9	Co-Lin	Away	6 & 8 p.m.
12	Hinds	Home	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
16	Pearl River	Home	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
19	Southwest	Away	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
23-27	MACJC State Tourney		TBA
March			
3-5	Region 23	Clinton (Mississippi College)	
15-17	NJCAA Tourney	Salina, KS	Women
		Hutchinson, KS	Men

Special Tribute for ECCC Nursing Student

Chris Ganann of Carthage was on schedule to complete the Practical Nursing Program at East Central Community College in Decatur. However, his young life was cut short due to an automobile accident earlier this year. His parents, Thomas (left) and Vicki Ganann of Carthage, were special guests at the program's annual pinning ceremony and are pictured with Denita Thomas, dean of healthcare education, at the July 29, 2014, event. Also shown is a display provided by nursing program students in tribute to their fallen classmate. The display features photos of Ganann and the artwork he provided publicizing the Practical Nursing program. Mrs. Ganann holds an award presented in memory of her son from the Mississippi Licensed Practical Nursing Association. Ganann was EC's MLPNA Ambassador and also served as vice president of the 2013-14 Practical Nursing class." During the pinning program, Vicki Brown of Carthage and Stephanie Hope Linch of Louisville paid tribute to Ganann, whom they described "as a joy to be around. His smile could brighten the darkest room and he will forever be missed. May each of us remember what a compassionate, caring young man Chris was, one who would have made an amazing nurse. Tonight we accept theses pins in honor of Chris." Thomas added, "Chris had the heart of a nurse. He was caring and had a sincere desire to help others in need."

2014-15 Tennis Schedule

October			
22	Meridian	@Meridian	TBA
27	Co-Lin	@Wesson	TBA
28	Stillman	@ECCC	TBA
February			
5	Hinds	@Raymond	2 p.m.
6	Meridian	@ECCC	2 p.m.
18	Co-Lin	@Wesson	2 p.m.
20	Northeast	@ECCC	1 p.m.
23	Hinds	@ECCC	2 p.m.
24	Jones	@Ellisville	2 p.m.
26-28	Meridian (Women)	@Meridian	TBA
March			
2	Northwest	@ECCC	2 p.m.
3	MS Gulf Coast	@Perkinston	2 p.m.
4	Co-Lin	@ECCC	2 p.m.
17	ICC	@Forest	1 p.m.
18	Jones	@Ellisville	2 p.m.
31	MS Gulf Coast	@ECCC	1 p.m.
April			
1	Hinds	@Raymond	2 p.m.
2	Meridian	@Meridian	2 p.m.
6	Itawamba	@Fulton	2 p.m.
7	Northeast	@Booneville	Noon
9	Hinds	@ECCC	2 p.m.
14	Northwest	@Senatobia	2 p.m.
15-18	State Tournament	TBA	TBA

Historic Night for ECCC Soccer

Soccer games were played for the first time at night and on the new synthetic turf at Bailey Stadium when East Central Community College squads hosted Copiah-Lincoln Community College Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014, on the Decatur campus. The Lady Soccer Warriors cruised 9-0 in their 5 p.m. matchup, followed by the Warrior/Wolfpack battle which resulted in a 3-3 deadlock in double overtime. EC's women improved to 9-1-1 and the Warriors' record stood at 5-5-1 following the non-division competition.

2014 Scholarship Recipients/Donors

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AT&T Scholarship
Recipient: Mia Coleman (left), Leake Central
Donor representative: Dr. Teresa Houston, ECCC vice president for instruction

Bank of Morton Scholarship
Recipient: Tynequa Bryant (left), Morton
Donor representative: Gordy Herring

Bank Plus Scholarship
Recipient: Peyton Cain (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Coleen Stevens

Dr. Conrad C. Barnes, Jr. Math and Science Scholarship
Recipient: Louise Berryhill (center), Newton County
Donor representatives: Linda (left) and Billy Pierce

Pleas Clayton and Nancy Breazeale Blount Scholarship
Recipient: Jacob McNeil (left), Raleigh
Donor representative: Jeanette Thrash

Willis E. Blum and Frances Gaines Blum Slagle Memorial Scholarship
Recipient: Brandi Kilpatrick (left), Neshoba Central
Donor representative: David Case, ECCC vice president for institutional effectiveness and research

Board of Trustees Scholarship
Recipient: Lillian Shuler (left), Leake Central
Donor representative: Board vice chairman Jerry Smith

Iris Boggan Scholarship
Recipient: Rachel Rogers (center), Neshoba Central
Donor representatives: Natalie Boggan Thompson (left) and Iris Boggan

Dr. Frank and Bobbie McPhail Bowen Scholarship
Recipient: Enoc Reynoso (left), Leake Central
Donor representative: David Case, ECCC vice president for institutional effectiveness and research

Denver Brackeen Scholarship
Recipient: Logan Alford (left), East Rankin Academy
Donor representative: Billy Frank Alford

Ann Burkes Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship
Recipient: Kristen Gordy (left), East Rankin Academy
Donor representative: Ann Burkes

Landon Bryan Burt Memorial
Recipient: Colton Horne (left), Winston Academy,
Donor representative: David Burt

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Cager Scholarship
Recipient: James McElhenney (left), Union
Donor representative: Inez Cager

Carr Scholarship
Recipient: Bryce Power (left), Forest
Donor representative: Hugh Carr

The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship
Recipient: Taylor Lott (left), Scott Central
Donor representative: Camp Keith

Class of 1964 Scholarship
Recipient: Jennifer Grove (third from left), East Rankin Academy
Donor representatives: (from left) Bill Lea, Dr. Harold Aycock, John Boutwell and Jerald P. Everett

Classes of 1957, 1958, & 1959 Scholarship
Recipient: Aaren Avera (right), Newton County
Donor representative: Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth

Prentice and Dorothy Copeland Scholarship
Recipient: Kaylyn White (left), Neshoba Central
Donor representative: Mickey Vance, ECCC vice president for business operations

South Group/Cox & Associates Insurance Scholarship
Recipient: Austin Anderton (left), Leake Central
Donor representative: Aubry Cox (center)

Frances Brown Crenshaw Nursing
Recipient: Haleigh West (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Dr. Teresa Houston, ECCC vice president for instruction

Nellie Neill Cross Scholarship
Recipient: Anna Wells (left), Winston Academy
Donor representative: Mickey Vance, ECCC vice president for business operations

Aaron R. Davis Memorial
Recipient: Jennifer Grove (left), East Rankin Academy
Donor representative: Patti Davis

Tony Dobbs Memorial Golf Scholarship
Recipient: Christopher Brown (left), Forest
Donor representative: David Case, ECCC vice president for institutional effectiveness and research

Kyle Dunkerson Memorial Scholarship
Recipients: Chelsea Taylor (left), Newton County
Donor representatives: Angela and Jody Kyzar

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Recipient: Shelby Hemphill (left), Leake Academy
Donor Representative: Dr. Teresa Houston, ECCC vice president for instruction

EC Scholars James and Luvie Thomas Scholarship
Recipient: Ryan Gardner (left), Neshoba Central
Donor representative: Mickey Vance, ECCC vice president for business operations

Leon Eubanks KALJYC-PEER Scholarship
Recipient: Leah Ferguson (left), Neshoba Central
Donor representatives: David Case, ECCC vice president for institutional effectiveness and research

Robert Fick Memorial Scholarship
Recipient: Houston Martin (left), Newton County
Donor representative: Mickey Vance, ECCC vice president for business operations

Gilmore Scholarship
Recipient: Tyler Sistrunk (left), Union
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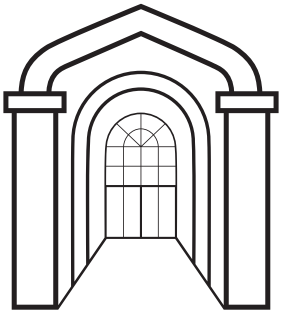

Everett Honored With 'Lifetime Achievement' Award

East Central Community College alumnus Bobby Everett (left, Class of 1948) was recently honored by the college's Alumni Association with the "Lifetime Achievement Award."

A Decatur attorny, Everett served as longtime counsel for the college's Board of Trustees and recently retired due to health reasons.

Comans Selected ECCC 'Alumna of the Year'

Cheryl Comans (Class of 1981) of Cleveland was recently selected "Alumna of the Year" at East Central Community College. The Decatur native said she is "deeply honored" to join such an elite group of women.

"There are many successful women, whom I hold in great esteem, who have graduated from ECCC and have previously been selected for this honor. I am deeply moved to have been chosen to be a part of such a prestigious group of former alumnae and extremely grateful to those who thought me worthy to be nominated and those who selected me for this award." Comans said.

ECCC Alumnus Billy Pierce was among those nominating Comans and in his supporting letter wrote of her, "Cheryl's love for East Central Community College has been evident in her involvement in various campus activities and her attendance at numerous campus events…..Along with her personal financial support, she has also helped secure grants for the school. She never misses an opportunity to speak positively about East Central Community College and is definitely one of the college's most avid supporters."

Comans has spent the past 28 years with Entergy Corporation. Currently, she works with Entergy Mississippi in the Cleveland office and is responsible for providing customer service to more than 31,000 customers and 10 major accounts in 30 communities located throughout the Mississippi Delta.

'I spend many hours working with the farmers of the Delta in resolving issues that require escalated attention to what may arise in providing electrical service to his or her farming operation,' she said. "I am very involved in my communities representing Entergy Mississippi where I also work with state and local governments."

From 1996 to 2000 she was employed in the Little Rock, Ark., office as the Training Supervisor for all of Entergy's six call centers.

"I was able to acquaint myself with many employees throughout the Entergy system through participating in meetings and on various teams. One team that comes to mind is the Entergy Renewal Team. With this team I was privileged to have input into a new training program called Horizon, which proved to be a great tool for adult on-the-job learning."

One highlight of her career has been working with farming operations throughout the Mississippi Delta through varied types of farming accounts.

"Some of Entergy's most tedious rates are in our seasonal accounts for farming operations such as cotton gins, grain bins and irrigation wells. To work with these accounts is a challenge, but a pleasure, due to the many advancements in the farming operation today,"

Cheryl Comans
(Class of 1981)

Comans said.

She began her career with Entergy in 1986 as a Customer Energy Adivsor.

Comans said she has been affected by many people who have come in and out of her life through the years; however, she said the two biggest influences have been her parents, Raymond and Glenda Comans.

"My father promoted hard work and security, whereas my mother influenced how to live life, faith in God and character," Comans said.

Comans said although there is no way she could single out just one or two individual professors, she was influenced greatly by many East Central Community College faculty members who still play an important role in her life today.

She said she also learned valuable leadership skills at ECCC, which have served her well in her chosen career.

"While at East Central, I was a very active student participating in many campus activities. I truly believe that through my involvement in campus life it helped to develop many skills I would go on to use, especially in the area of leadership, which has played a very important part in my career achievements," she said.

Comans was involved in many clubs and activities at ECCC, but acknowledges most of her time outside the classroom was spent on the tennis courts at EC.

"From the time I was in the eighth grade at Decatur, until I graduated from East Central, many hours were spent on the court in the afternoons trying to develop my talent as a tennis player," Comans said. "As I reminisce over the years, many cherished memories and friendships were made on EC's courts with students that came through East Central during that time."

It was obviously time well spent considering she was selected Most Valuable Tennis Player both her freshman and sophomore years.

Comans is also a former Warrior cheerleader and one 'special' memory for her was the day she was charged with leading her history class in a cheer for the football team.

"One of the funniest moments for me occurred in Mr. Simmons' 8 a.m. class on the first Friday morning of my freshman year," Comans explained. "EC had a football game the following day and Mr. Simmons wanted a cheer led in his class that morning. He asked for any cheerleaders to come to the front of the room to lead the class in a cheer.

"The room was filled with numerous football players, which at the time made me most nervous. I slumped down in my chair and looked around for other cheerleaders to go to the front to lead in the cheer, but neither Mr. Simmon nor I saw anyone in the class but me. To no avail and with much pleading to spare me from having to lead the group in a cheer, Mr. Simmons won the round and from that day till the end of football season I had to lead the class in a Friday morning cheer. I look back and laugh over my shyness and thank Mr. Simmons for helping me overcome stage fright!"

After graduation from East Central, Comans continued her education at Mississippi State University where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Communication and Marketing. She later earned a Master's Degree in Business from Delta State University.

An active participant in her community, Comans serves as chairman of the Cleveland-Bolivar County Economic Development Foundation and is a member of the East Central Community College Alumni Board, Cleveland -Bolivar County United Way Board and Rotary.

She is past president of Mississippi Association of Partners in Education, East Central Community College Alumni Association and Vicksburg Chamber of Commerce.

She is a member of the Delta State University Beta Rho Chapter of Delta Mu Delta International Honor Society and was named to the Mississippi Delta Business Journal's Top 50 Women in Business.

Additional honors include her selection as a Pinnacle Award Finalist (1993), Peak Performer Award Recipient (1996) and Team Excellence Award Recpient (1998).

Dr. Waldrop Chosen 'Alumnus of the Year'

"Truly honored" is how Dr. Michael Waldrop (Class of 1968) of Clinton described his feelings upon being selected "Alumnus of the Year "at East Central Community College in Decatur.

"I realize that the best of my college days were at EC," Waldrop said. "My mind drifts back to the campus, the dorms, the faculty, the basketball games, and other fond memories. I see this honor as being one of the highlights of my life because of my fond feeling about the time I spent at EC."

Dr. Waldrop, a Morton native, currently serves as the Executive Director of the Mississippi School Boards Association (MSBA), a position he has held since 2004. MSBA is a nonprofit organization that provides training, state and federal legislative advocacy, technical assistance, and information to public school boards and school superintendents across the state.

In addition, he serves as Trust Administrator for the MSBA's Workers' Compensation Trust, and Property & Casualty Pool.

"One hundred percent of the public school systems are members of MSBA, and the majority of school districts participate in one or more of our insurance pools."

Dr. Waldrop previously served as Deputy Executive Director of the Mississippi School Board Association from 2000-2004.

During his tenure, MBSA has grown in both size and scope.

"We have been able to enlarge the Association (MBSA) from a small, somewhat obscure organization to an organization looked upon by educators and state leaders as an organization capable of providing solutions to complex problems," Dr. Waldrop said. "I am also pleased that the organization has increased its number of employees, its financial position, and its ability to offer more specialized services to school board members and school districts, especially in the technology area."

From 1987 to 2000, he was employed as Superintendent of the Senatobia Municipal School District was Assistant Superintendent for Special Education Services, Curriculum and Federal Projects from 1982 to 1987.

He said, "As a school superintendent, I took great pride in the fact my school district was one of the top academic school districts in the state and that we were able to balance the academic side of education with a strong extracurricular program.

"In my 14 years as school superintendent, our students consistently scored in the top 5% of school systems on state test and the high school won The Clarion~Ledger All Sports Award for the best overall athletic program in the state, in its classification, 10 or 11 out of my 13½ years as superintendent of schools.

Dr. Michael Waldrop (Class of 1968)

Dr. Waldrop began his career as a teacher and coach at Senatobia High School from 1970 to 1978. He served as an administrative assistant for the Senatobia Municipal School District from 1978 to 1979 and as middle school principal/administrative assistant from 1979 to 1982.

He has spent a combined 44 years in the field of education in Mississippi.

Dr. Waldrop credits his parents, W.J. and Lo Waldrop, with teaching him early in life the benefits of hard work.

"They offered tremendous support and love to me in whatever endeavor I undertook and instilled in me an extremely strong work ethic, "Dr. Waldrop said. "Looking back, I cannot say I ever outsmarted anyone, but can say I did out work a few people."

A fellow educator who had a profound impact on the young teacher was his first boss.

"As a young person straight out of college, C.R. Rials, the superintendent of the Senatobia Municipal School District where I worked, took me under his wing. Through his influence, I matured both spiritually and professionally. I owe him greatly for my success," Waldrop said.

Dr. Waldrop was also quick to recognize his wife, Sondra, for always supporting his endeavors.

"My wife, Sondra, has stood by me in the easy and difficult times. She is my best friend and my retreat. Nothing I have accomplished would have been possible without her love and support."

Dr. Waldrop acknowledged East Central Community College with providing the focus he needed to complete his education and succeed in his chosen career.

"EC matured me," he said. "When I arrived at EC, I was not properly focused. Through the influence of the faculty, I began to change, although slowly and with the gnashing of teeth, from an unfocused adolescent to someone with a purpose. This paradigm shift gave me purpose, and the quality of education I received while at EC equipped me to succeed in my career."

What memories highlight his time at East Central?

"My fondest remembrances center on basketball games, dorm life, and the interaction with the EC faculty. I can remember leaving on the 'yellow dog' on Thursdays for a basketball road trip and getting back to EC late at night on Friday or Saturday. The games, the people, the coaches are all still vivid in my mind," Dr. Waldrop said.

He added, "I also reminisce about the professors and my time in class. Looking back, I now realize how fortunate I was to have such capable professors. I learned in spite of myself. More importantly, what I learned in class at EC has stayed with me."

As with many former students, the names of Thrash, Vickers and Clark appear among a long list of Dr. Waldrop's favorite instructors.

He said, "After a semester of world history under Mr. (Tommy) Thrash, I was convinced that my life's career would be a community college history professor. To this day history is my primary hobby.

"I still apply the life lessons Mr. (Ovid) Vickers taught me using English Literature. Ode to a Louse always kept me from becoming too serious about myself. And then there was my basketball coach, Joe Clark. The lessons I learned from Coach Clark were not fully appreciated until years later, the most important lesson being that basketball is temporary, but being a person of high morals is forever. Coach Clark was truly a good man, and I owe him much."

Dr. Waldrop does admit to one comical blunder involving an intimidating professor and the chemistry lab.

He explained, "I will never forget how intimidated I was by my chemistry professor. I was struggling with chemistry my freshman year and wanted to remain obscure to my professor. In chemistry lab I had just lined up all the chemistry paraphernalia (test tubes, jars, Bunsen burners, etc.) I would be using in conducting a chemistry experiment when

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Fulmer Selected for 'Athletic Hall of Fame'

He was described by a teammate as "the biggest and meanest football player" he had ever seen.

Dan Chatwood, who would later lead the Warrior football program in the mid-1960's, also said of Richard Fulmer, "I soon learned that all the players on the team looked up to him as a true leader. He had many successes on the field at East Central Community College and many successes off the field throughout his life."

Fulmer, who has the unique distinction of being a three-year starter on the Warrior football squad, joins an elite group of former athletes selected for the prestigious Athletic Hall of Fame. The Deatsville, Ala., resident will be enshrined during the 2014 Homecoming celebration scheduled Saturday, October 11.

Fulmer, a standout fullback and linebacker at 5-11, 200 pounds, said his selection "is one of the highlights and honors of my lifetime."

Fulmer explains how he played football for three years at East Central.

"In 1953, my senior year at Lanier High School in Montgomery, Ala., I signed a football scholarship with the University of Florida. That same year, I was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean War. I was stationed at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and while in the service, I played two years on the Ft. Bliss Falcons base football team and we won the Fourth Army Championship my first year.

"In 1956, I was invited with a friend, who was an All-American High School player named Earl Mills, to visit East Central. We both liked ECJC, and Coach Clayton Blount gave both of us a three-year scholarship. Earl had also not completed his senior year so we were both classified as high school players. In November of that same year, my wife and I were blessed with our first child, a baby boy. After three years at ECJC, I was offered a scholarship at Troy University, Hardin Simmons University and McNeese State. I signed with McNeese."

Fulmer referred to his time at East Central as "some of the best times of my life."

One particular incident – described as funny and usual - stands out during his football career.

"Our quarterback, Jerry Hall, was told by Coach (Clayton) Blount not to get caught scrambling and lose yardage, and to throw the ball away even if he had to throw it to the guy in the front row in the red coat! Later in the game when Hall was about to get caught, he actually threw the football to the 'guy in the red coat,' who had to duck but still got hit with the ball! Bob First, who was the assistant coach at the time, asked Jerry why the heck he threw the ball at the guy in the red coat and Jerry replied, 'Because Coach Blount told me to.'"

Richard Fulmer
(Class of 1959)

Fulmer, who helped lead his Lanier High School team to the 1950 Alabama High School State Football Championship, said beating "Scooba" while a member of the 1956 Warrior squad was just as memorable!

In addition to the 13-7 win over "Scooba" (East Mississippi), the Warriors posted victories that year over Northwest (20-6), Itawamba (20-14) and Northeast (forfeit). Losses were to Co-Lin (27-12), Holmes (14-0), Delta (26-19), Hinds (14-12), Pearl River (20-6) and Jones County (46-15).

The 1957 squad went 2-6-2 with wins over Holmes (12-7) and Jones County (12-6), ties with East MS (7-7) and Co-Lin (20-20), and setbacks to Delta (6-0), Hinds (45-0), Southwest (14-7), East MS (20-6), Itawamba (39-13) and Pearl River (53-0). (The second contest with East MS was played in Meridian.)

Fulmer and the Warriors finished 7-4 in 1958, capturing victories over East MS (14-12), Northwest (6-0), Holmes (14-0), Delta (24-0), Hinds (36-18), Itawamba (18-0) and Jones County (8-6). Losses were to Co-Lin (12-6), Southwest (24-6), East MS (20-6) and Pearl River (14-8).

Fulmer has fond memories of his time at EC and living in Decatur.

"The faculty and the administration of East Central took a genuine interest in each student, and you knew they had your best interest at heart; plus, just living in Decatur was a pleasure. The small town atmosphere along with the wonderful people was something I will always treasure."

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He further commented, "I cherish all the teachers I had and the many friends I made there that I still visit from time to time. I also enjoy coming to Decatur for EC's Homecoming each year."

During his time in Decatur, Fulmer also coached Little League baseball with Clayton Blount. Fulmer said team members "included Joe Blount at catcher, Kenny Blount at shortstop, and 'Blue' Blount's son at third base, Melton Smith at pitcher, and many other outstanding young athletes."

Fulmer added, "Some of my earliest sales experiences came from selling Blount Hair and Scalp Conditioner to my dad's barbershop in Montgomery, Ala."

Fulmer continued his athletic career by playing semi-pro football with the Montgomery Confederates in the North American Football League.

In 1960, Fulmer began his career as sales and office manager for Gilpin Brokerage Company, a position held until 1965, when he became president of Teena Originals Furniture. In 1967, he began Richard L. Fulmer Associates and was a self-employed manufacturing sales representative until retiring in 2010.

During this period, he received nine national sales awards and was a member of United Commercial Travelers Association for more than 50 years.

His community service included serving as a junior high football coach in Montgomery, Ala., where he also served on the Jimmy Hitchcock Award Committee.

Fulmer served as Chairman of the Terry Veazey Evangelistic Association and served on the Board of Deacons at Taylor Road Baptist Church, where he also taught Sunday school classes for 25 years.

He is married to the former Louise Weathers. They have three grown children, Daron Fulmer, Kim Fulmer Martin and Tracy Fulmer Norris.

Henderson Named to 'Athletic Hall of Fame'

Troy Henderson was regarded as one of the top defensive ends in the Mississippi Junior College Conference during the 1952 and 1953 seasons.

Henderson, who also excelled at defensive back, was known for his hard tackling and numerous fumble recoveries. Many of those fumbles were caused by his aggressive style of defense.

In recognition of his athletic success, Henderson joins an elite group of former Warrior athletes selected for the prestigious Athletic Hall of Fame. He will be enshrined during the 2014 Homecoming celebration scheduled Saturday, October 11.

Henderson, who retired in the late 1990s following a distinguished career at Hinds Community College in Raymond, said he was "extremely honored and happy" to receive the honor, and added, "I was overjoyed to get that phone call from (ECCC President) Dr. Billy Stewart!"

Henderson was a two-year letterman at East Central, and helped the Warriors to a 4-6 record as a freshman and a 6-5 mark his sophomore season under head coach John Grace.

The 1952 squad began the season with victories over MS Delta (32-6), Northeast (14-6), Jones County (7-6) and Holmes (27-6). Losses followed to Southwest (13-7), Hinds (26-13), East MS (40-20), Co-Lin (20-14), Pearl River (27-20) and Gulf Coast (13-6).

EC improved to 6-5 the following year, with wins over MS Delta (12-7), Northeast (20-13), Holmes (12-7), Southwest (33-13), Marion Institute (40-7) and Co-Lin (7-0). Setbacks were to Jones County (34-7), Hinds (35-0), Pearl River (51-13) and Gulf Coast (23-6).

While reflecting on his athletic career at EC, Henderson said the "relationships" mattered most.

"The fellowship and friendships with my teammates is what I enjoyed most," Henderson said.

He said he enjoyed attending East Central as a student-athlete because the college "was close to home and I got a full scholarship, which included books and food!"

His least favorite experience as a football player involved preseason workouts, which were "very long and hot….extremely hot!"

In addition to playing football at EC, Henderson was sports editor for the Wo-He-Lo yearbook and served two years as a member of the Future Teachers Association. He was also a freshman class officer, Athletic Committee member and a member of the Social and Hospitality Committee.

Henderson came to East Central following a stellar career at Forest High School, where he was a three-year letterman in football, basketball and track.

Troy Henderson
(Class of 1954)

During his senior season, Henderson was named co-captain of the Bearcat football team. He also received the Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Award. He completed his high school career by playing a prominent role as fullback in the first Mississippi High School All-Star Football Game held at Jackson Memorial Stadium in August 1952.

Not only did Henderson experience success at Forest and East Central, he also excelled as a member of the Maxwell Base Football Team, the "Mentors" while serving in the U.S. Air Force, beginning in 1955. By a vote from his teammates, A-1C Henderson was awarded a personal trophy as the outstanding member of the Mentor varsity squad. He was also named most valuable player as tailback for the single wing formation used by the Mentors. Additional honors include begin rated honorable mention All Air Force. He and the Mentors traveled over much of the United States playing again other Air Force base teams.

Upon discharge from the Air Force, Henderson attended Louisiana College, where he distinguished himself as a defensive left end and punter on the Wildcat squad. He was awarded a letter for both the 1960 and 1961 seasons. Henderson was also elected senior class vice president, and was a member of the Athenian Literary Society and the L Club.

He achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average when he received a bachelor's degree in education from Louisiana College in 1961.

Henderson began his career in education as football coach and biology teacher in Many, La., followed by a stint at West Blocton High School in Alabama. While serving at West Blocton, Henderson received a master's degree in education from the University of Alabama.

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"The fellowship and friendships with my teammates is what I enjoyed most."

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In 1965, Henderson became principal of Sebastopol Attendance Center. During his tenure, Henderson served as president of the Cherokee Athletic Conference and vice president of the Scott County Teachers' Association.

A move to Liberty Attendance Center in Liberty, MS, made Henderson the youngest principal at that time in the Mississippi Public School System. In 1971, he was named Superintendent of West Jasper Schools, a position held for eight years. It was during this period Henderson was selected president of the Mississippi Association of Schools Superintendents.

In 1979, Henderson was chosen Vice President of the Physical Plant and Auxiliary Services at Hinds Community College in Raymond.

During his tenure, numerous buildings were constructed under his supervision, and he was responsible for a large portion of the Hinds staff, including maintenance, custodial, grounds, golf course, bookstore, new construction, etc.

Henderson was awarded the college's highest employee honor, the 3E Award, for his "emphasis on enrichment and excellence."

He was a founding member of the Mississippi Association of School Plant Managers and served as the organization's president for several years.

Henderson is an active member of Raymond Baptist Church, where he served as deacon and deacon chairman. He was chair of the building committee when the new Christian Life Center was constructed, which nearly doubled the church's meeting space.

He is married to the former Delores Underwood of Forest. They have three daughters, Mrs. James (Pam) Reeves, Mrs. David (Judy) Bufkin and Mrs. Mike (Leigh) James; six grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Henderson said he continues to enjoy sports and considers his years on the gridiron as some of his best!

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2015 NOMINATION FOR
ALUMNUS/ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

Name: _____ Maiden: _____

Years Attended, Graduated EC: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone (w) _____ (h) _____ (cell) _____

High School Graduated From: _____ County: _____

Senior College/University Attended/Graduated From: _____ Years: _____

Work Experience:

Place	Position	Dates

Contributions to College/and to Community: _____

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Professional Affiliations and Honors: _____

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Family: _____

Spouse: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Did spouse attend EC ___ ___Yes No; If yes, Years Attended/Graduated _____

Children & Ages: _____

Attach additional information to this form.
Return to: Alumni Association
East Central Community College
P.O. Box 129
Decatur, MS 39327-0129
Ph. 601-635-6327

Name (of Alumnus/Alumna submitting nomination)
_____ Maiden _____
Address _____
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Phone (h) _____ (w) _____
Years attended/graduated EC _____

Deadline: June 01, 2015 (12:00 Noon)

- **Please type all information submitted on this form.**
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2015 NOMINATION FOR
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Name:_____ Maiden: _____

Years Attended, Graduated EC:_____

E-mail Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone (w)_____ (h)_____ (cell) _____

High School Graduated From: _____ County:_____

Senior College/University Attended/Graduated From:_____ Years: ____

Sports Lettered In and Honors Received In Community College:_____

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Sports Lettered In and Honors Received At Senior College/University Level: _____

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Work Experience:

Place	Position	Dates

Contributions to College/and to Community:_____

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Professional Affiliations and Honors: _____

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Family:_____

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Fisher Pens Second Book

Justin Fisher (Class of 1993) autographs a copy of "Conehatta, Cerebral Palsy and the Cross" for his childhood physical therapist, Sue May of Forest, during a book signing held during August 2014 at the Union Public Library. A native of Conehatta, Fisher is a 1991 graduate of Union High School and 1993 East Central Community College, where he was named to the Hall of Fame. He was born with cerebral palsy, a neuromuscular disability which affects his balance and coordination. He uses a wheelchair for mobility. Despite the many trials associated with his affliction, Fisher believes "that God has used the circumstances in his life to help him know and fellowship with the Lord in ways that he would not have been exposed to otherwise." The book is Fisher's follow-up release to his whimsical yet inspiring, - I Can't Even Walk (Without You Holding My Hand). Fisher teaches economics at Jefferson State Community College in Birmingham. He resides in Moody, Ala., with his wife, Kelly, and their two children, Will and Anna Morgan. To contact Fisher, email him at justfish419@yahoo.com.

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the professor walked up, startled me, and I knocked everything off the lab table; glass was everywhere. The rest of the semester the professor used me as an example of how not to prepare for chemistry experiments! So much for obscurity!"

In addition to his duties with the Mississippi Association of School Boards, Dr. Waldrop currently serves on the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Liaison Committee, which attempts to shape national education policy working through NSBA.

He has also served on the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Blue Ribbon Commission for the Redesign of Administrative Preparation, the Mississippi Institutes of Higher Learning (IHL) Blue Ribbon Committee for the Redesign of Teacher Preparation, and the MDE Career Pathways Oversight Committee.

Dr. Waldrop has served on numerous other state committees including the MDE Advisory Committee on Dropout Prevention, the University of Mississippi School of Education Alumni Chapter Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors of the Commission on Secondary and Middle Schools of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and was appointed by the Governor to serve on a state policy team to oversee the development of a "turnaround" plan for underperforming schools.

He is a former member of the Mississippi Commission on School Accreditation, the Mississippi Effective School Consortium, and the National Assessment Governing Board.

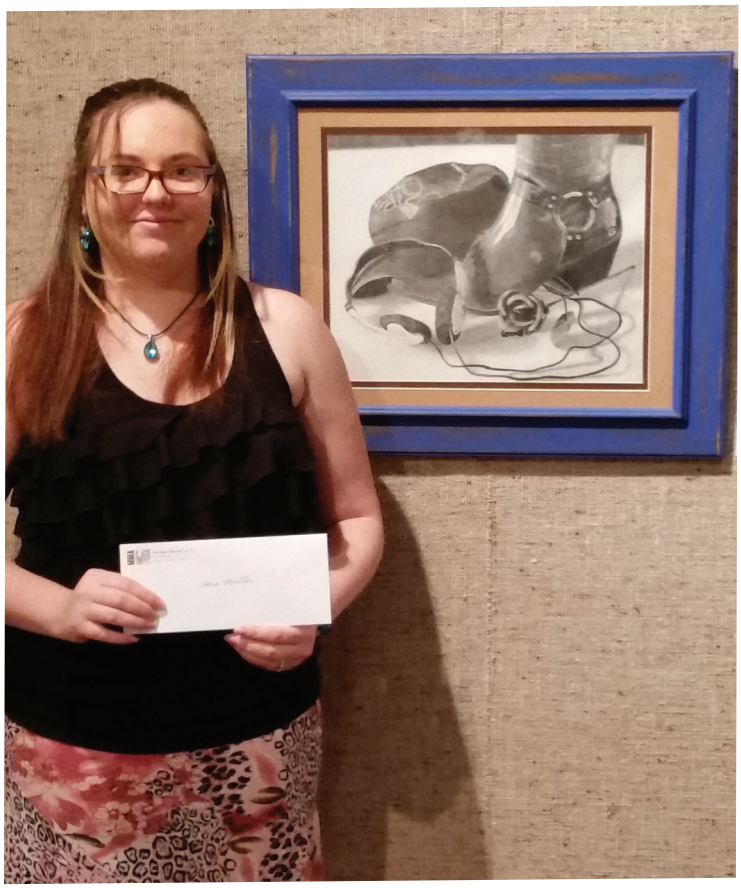
His community involvement includes serving as past president of the Senatobia Rotary Club and the Tate County Economic Council, a Baptist deacon, and a Rotary International "Paul Harris Fellow."

Dr. Waldrop's honors include being recognized by the Mississippi Association of Superintendents for outstanding educational leadership and the prestigious "Golden Lamp" leadership award from the Mississippi Association of School Administrators.

He received the "Excellence in Leadership Award" from the Delta Rural Systemic Initiative, the "Distinguished Alumni Award" from Delta State University, and "Alumni of the Year for the School of Education" by the University of Mississippi.

Dr. Waldrop earned a Ph.D. and a M.Ed. in educational administration from the University of Mississippi and a B.S.E. from Delta State University.

He and his wife, the former Sondra Baugh, have been married 45 years. They have two sons: Jason Baugh Waldrop and his wife, Christine, who reside in Oxford; and William Dirk Waldrop and his wife, Michelle, who live in Mountain Home, AR. The Waldrops have eight grandchildren: Fisher, Elise, Worth, William Brick, Tyler, Gabe, Sara and Jase.



Martin Receives 'People's Choice' Art Awards

Tara Martin (Class of 2013) received honors for her artwork in the 2014 People's Choice Competition held in July at the Meridian Museum of Art. She is shown with her first-place entry in the Pencil Category. She also placed second in the Acrylic category. Martin studied art with Janie Gomillion of Harperville and ECCC art instructor Chris Brady. (Submitted photo)

2014 Homecoming Schedule of Events

7 a.m.	Registration for 5K Run/Walk/1-Mile Fun Run *North Campus Pavilion* (Run/Walk Starts at 7:30 a.m.; $20 per participant)
9 a.m.	Homecoming Registration Begins *Founders Gym Breezeway*
	Book Signing for "The East Central I Knew: A History of East Central Community College" by Ovid Vickers *Founders Gym Breezeway*
	Refreshments Available at Registration
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.	Memorabilia Room Open *Mamie Ethel Burton Library*
	"This is Home: Medgar Evers, Mississsippi & The Movement" Exhibit *Mamie Ethel Burton Library*
	Tours of the newly renovated Cross Hall Science Building
9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Bookstore Open *Eddie M. Smith Student Union*
10 a.m.	Warrior Baseball Alumni Game *Clark/Gay Baseball Complex* *Game Begins at 10:30 a.m.*
11 a.m.	Alumni Luncheon *Mabry Memorial Cafeteria* Luncheon Tikets $12 Per Person Election of 2014-15 Alumni Association Officers Recognition of Homecoming Honorees
1 p.m. to Halftime	Lil' Warrior Kid Zone *Bailey Stadium*
1 p.m.	Reunion Groups Meet *Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium* • Class of 1949 • Class of 1964 (50-Year Reunion) • Classes of 1957, 1958 & 1959 • All Classes Ending in "4" • 1994 Lady Warrior Basketball Team
	Warrior Club Tailgating/Annual Meeting *Bailey Stadium*
1:30 p.m.	Awarding of 50th Anniversary Diplomas to Class of 1964
2:30 p.m.	ECCC vs. Jones County Football Game *Bailey Stadium* Recognition of Homecoming Honorees Presentation of Queen and Court Performance by Wall O' Sound Marching Band

McPhail Named to NJCAA Women's Tennis Coaches' Hall of Fame

Honors continue for East Central Community College alumna Wanda McPhail (Class of 1971), longtime tennis coach at Meridian Community College.

McPhail was inducted into the NJCAA Women's Tennis Coaches' National Hall of Fame during a special ceremony at the national women's tennis tournament in May 2014 at Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Texas.

She received the prestigious award from Coach John Peterson, retired TJC coach who won 25 national championships during his career.

McPhail, a Union native, recently completed her 14th year leading the women's and men's tennis programs at MCC. Both teams advanced to their respective NJCAA National Tennis Tournaments for 13 consecutive years.

Her women's teams have won 10 Region 23 championships (2003-2006, 2008-2013), and finished runners-up in 2002, 2007 and 2014.

The men's squad advanced to the nationals by capturing Region 23 titles in 2002, 2004-05, and 2007-012. The Eagles were runners-up in 2003, 2006 and 2013-14.

McPhail has received numerous honors throughout her career.

She was named the Wilson ITA Women's National Coach of the Year in 2012. In 2007, she was awarded the Herschel Stephens Award at the men's national tournament. The award is voted on by fellow coaches and is given to a coach, whose teams have made five appearances at the national tournament. The prestigious honor is also given for service to the association.

McPhail was inducted into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009 in recognition of her successful coaching career at MCC and athletic career at ECCC, where she was a standout in tennis and basketball player under head coach Lucille Wood. McPhail also excelled in academics and was named to ECCC Hall of Fame in 1971.

She was inducted into the Mississippi Community/Junior College Sports Hall of Fame in 2012. She received MAC "Tennis Coach of the Year" honors in 2003, 2006, 2007, and 2008.

Wanda McPhail (left) was inducted into the NJCAA Women's Tennis Coaches' National Hall of Fame during a special ceremony held earlier this year at Tyler (Texas) Junior College. Coach McPhail, longtime tennis coach at Meridian Community College, is shown receiving a plaque from retired TJC coach John Peterson in recognition of the prestigious honor. McPhail is a 1971 ECCC graduate and member of the College's Athletic Hall of Fame. (Submitted photo)

McPhail is currently serving her sixth year as president of the NJCAA Women's Tennis Coaches' Association. She has logged nine years as an Association officer.

She also serves on the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Board of Directors as the men's representative and was recently re-elected to another two-year term. As a board member, she serves on the Executive and Budget Committee, Associate Chair of Small College Operating Committee, and as the Men's JUCO Divisional Chair.

McPhail is also involved locally by serving as a volunteer on the MTA Junior Committee. In addition, she has USPTR associate instructor certification.

Prior to joining the MCC staff, McPhail coached women's basketball, tennis, volleyball and cheerleading at West Lauderdale High School. She began the tennis program at West Lauderdale, and led her teams to the state playoffs from 1993-1999.

She began her career at Kate Griffin Junior High School in Meridian in 1973, serving until 1978 when she took a 14-year sabbatical to stay at home with her three children.

A Summa Cum Laude graduate of Mississippi State College for Women (now MUW), McPhail balanced athletics and academics. She graduated No. 6 in her class at the "W," and played volleyball and competitive badminton. She received a master's degree in education from Mississippi State University in 1978.

In addition to coaching tennis, McPhail has taught English and wellness classes and served on several committees at MCC. She is also involved in numerous community organizations.

She is a member of Collinsville United Methodist Church, where she teaches the adult Sunday school class and serves as lay leader and speaker.

She is married to Mark D. McPhail, former CEO of Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center. They have three grown children: David McPhail (married to Jenny Abdo McPhail), Haley McPhail Davis (married to Patrick Davis), and Morgan McPhail Vitart (married to Matthew Vitart). They also have seven grandchildren, Logan and Kate McPhail; Grayson and Finley Davis; and Ella-Katherine, Anne-Hartley and Mar Toxey Vitart.

Finalizing ECCC Homecoming Plans

Making final preparations for East Central Community College's Homecoming scheduled Saturday, October 11, 2014, are the above Alumni Association officers and Board of Directors. Seated from left are Bruce Lee of Louisville, Winston County representative; Ann Hunter Burkes of Decatur, Newton County representative; Dr. Teresa Houston, vice president for instruction; Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations; Dow Thomas of Louisville, Association president; and Matt Alford of Forest, Scott County representative. Standing from left are Paul Chamblee and Pete Lucovich, both of Carthage, Leake County representatives; Bill Freeman of Forest, Scott County representative; Harvey Trapp of Decatur, Newton County representative; Dr. Billy Stewart, ECCC President; and Dr. Bob Tom Johnson of Forest, Association past president. For more information on Homecoming 2014, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, at 601-635-6327 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. Her email address is sholling@eccc.edu.

Scholarship Spotlight: Huey Stone Memorial

The Huey G. Stone Memorial Scholarship was established by family, friends and former students of Huey G. Stone.

Stone graduated from Harperville High School before entering East Central Community College in 1957. After graduating from ECCC, he received a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. He went on to earn three masters' degrees from Mississippi State University.

He was a resident of Lake from 1961 until his death in 2013. He served as Principal of Lake High School for 32 years, retiring in 1999.

The recipient of the Huey G. Stone Memorial Scholarship will be selected annually by the ECCC Scholarship Committee from applicants who have met the following criteria:

1. Must be a graduate of Lake High School;
2. Must have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA entering ECCC;
3. Must be a fulltime student at ECCC, taking classes with an emphasis in Education;
4. Must possess leadership qualities; and
5. Preference will be given to applicants with a financial need.

To help endow the Huey G. Stone Memorial Scholarship, mail check or debit/credit card information to the East Central Community College Foundation, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

For a complete listing of endowed and annual scholarship go online to http://www.eccc.edu/foundation.html and click on the Annual Scholarships link or the Endowed Scholarships link.

To start a scholarship fund at the college, contact the ECCC Foundation at 601-635-6327 or e-mail to sholling@eccc.edu.

Please Help Find Addresses for Alumni and Friends of ECCC!

The Alumni Association is looking for current mailing addresses on the alumni listed below. If you have any information regarding their whereabouts, please e-mail us at sholling@eccc.edu or call toll-free at 1-877-462-3222 ext. 327 (within Mississippi) or call 601-635-6327.

Thank you for your help!

Canada
Eva Nell Boggan '52 – Belfountain, Ontario
Michael Kevin Cloud '87 – Ottawa, Ontario
Alabama
Jennifer Huey Everett '99 – Tuscaloosa
Jordan T. Gibbs '07 – Birmingham
Yolanda Latosha Jones '10 – Childersburg
Dr. Jamie F. Satcher '80 – Tuscaloosa
California
Dwight Winstead '68 – San Diego
Florida
Georgia Graham Kohlhagen '37 – Panama City
Lisa Tucker Mitchell '92 – Milton
Delores Bryan Parker '68 – Gonzalez
Gina Bishop Reynolds '93 – Panama City
Walter Clay Sanders '57 – Jacksonville
Georgia
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Jackie Lamar Wilks '56 – Tucker
Illinois
Chania Lizzette Mickiel '10 – Springfield
Kansas
Vonda Germany Bowen – Satanta
Janet Stampley McKnight '71 – Wichita
Kentucky
Matt Thomas Rhodes '90 – Prospect
Louisiana
Jacob Doss Mansell '03 – Pride
Michigan
Cristina Eve Rush '05 – Bay City
Mississippi
Lyla Adcock '64 – Philadelphia
Nicholas Kyle Alexander '11 – Little Rock
Ashley Dru Anderson '08 – Clinton
Max Morgan Anderson '10 – Conehatta
Lucille Baldwin '66 – Brandon
William L. Ball – Louisville
Philip Matthew Belk '04 – Union
Joseph R. Bell '03 – Choctaw
Ruthie Bell '95 – Philadelphia
Eddie Bethune '73 – Newton
Barbara Tingle Bobo – Carthage
Shauranda Body '83 – Brandon
Earl Bolton '56 – Newton
Brandi Anthony Brewer '03 – Philadelphia
Michael Wayne Brown '87 – Carthage
Robert L. Brunson – Toomsuba
Catherine Bryan '98 – Brandon
Thomas A. Burns '02 – Lena
Elsie Estes Carter '50 – Noxapater
Gloria Ashford Carter '00 – Louisville
Robert Pascal Childress '85 – Louisville
Emma Elizabeth Chisolm '03 – Brandon
Amanda R. Eakes Clearman '04 – Philadelphia
Contesha S. Clemons '08 – Philadelphia
Cory Canoy Cleveland '94 – Decatur
Amanda Watkins Coghlan '02 – Noxapater
Bradley Aaron Cook '05 – Union
Jimmy Cooksey '59 – Conehatta
Andrew L. Cooley '03 – Little Rock
Robert Earle Covington '83 – Meridian
Jimmy Craig '58 – Starkville
Mattie Craig '58 – Starkville
Jim Crenshaw – Brandon
Rebekah Reigh Daniel '12 – Louisville
Elba H. Davidson '01 – Walnut Grove
Chester Dearing '64 – Newton
Larry Dew – Meridian
Marty Christopher Dill – Scooba
Melissa Atkinson Doty '90 – Ridgeland
April Nicole Dunavant '09 – Newton
Hailey Rebecca Dunavant '12 – Newton
Shana Easley '09 – Florence
Kristy Ward Ellis '03 – Noxapater
D. W. Evans '77 – Newton
Roy Earl Evans '77 – Decatur
David Lee Ezell '97 – Union
Ray Farlow – Philadelphia
Donnie Ray Files '09 – Philadelphia
Tonya Renee Files '09 – Philadelphia
John Foster '01 – Brandon
Terri Celeste Franklin '08 – Philadelphia
Krista Leann Frith '09 – Morton
Linda Faye Gladney '10 – Louisville
Hilma Golden '49 – Brandon
Cindy Johnson Goss '98 – Union
Jason Dale Goss '99 – Union
Mary A. Grady '01 – DeKalb
Blanche H. Gregory '78 – Carthage
Eddie Gregory '78 – Carthage
Calvin Hales '62 – Ridgeland
Bobby Haralson '80 – Brandon
Joyce Devine Harrell – Carthage
Clarissa Latrice Harris '11 – Louisville
Dana J. Harris '00 – Louin
Colby Eugene Harvey '11 – Lawrence
Ernest M. Herrington '60 – Crystal Springs
Julia Fulton Herrington – Brandon
Robert Glenn Horton '69 – Meridian
Gary Hughes – Louisville
Shauna Chisolm Jackson – Philadelphia
Jennifer Jenkins '01 – Carthage
Monica Mechelle Johnson '11 – Ridgeland
Terry Lee Jones '93 – Philadelphia
John Junkin – Natchez
Amelia Kennedy '70 – Louisville
Shannon Dawn Kirkland '95 – Philadelphia
Melissa Kron Kleinschmidt '10 – Union
Annie Marie Lovern '99 – Noxapater
Kenneth Clay Lyles '85 – Newton
Brittany Danielle Mallory '12 – Union
Violet Brandis Manning '05 – Philadelphia
Victoria Banks Mapp '90 – Pelahatchie
Hollie P. Mabry '04 – Meridian
Kimberly McAdory '02 – Louisville
Donna Coward McBeth '70 – Lena
Edna R. McDonald '11 – Forest
Crystal Michelle McGee '09 – Philadelphia
Jason A. McKnight – Forest
Pamela Boatner McKnight '94 – Forest
Laura L. McMillan '02 – Jackson
Amie Cliburn Meador '89 – Biloxi
Michael Lavon Miller '88 – Decatur
Alana Dayle Moore '10 – Philadelphia
Lashicka Dnice Moore '06 – Hickory
Avery Kashif Morgan '11 – Meridian
Dana Spears Morris '97 – Macon
Michael Chad Murphy '06 – Little Rock
Joyce Theresa Murrell '03 – Forest
Martha Humphries Neal – Louisville
Danny Andrew Nelms '99 – Meridian
Sharon Butler Odom '96 – Forest
Randall A. Orr '00 – Noxapater
Debra Barnes Owens '75 – Philadelphia
Lindy Fay Pace '98 – Lake
Kimberlea K. Peckham '97 – Conehatta
James Petyak '94 – Brookhaven
Barry W. Phillips '94 – Brandon
Jay F. Pippin '93 – Hickory
Jeremy Pilgrim '11 – Brandon
Christi Quinn – Meridian
Casey Yolanda Randolph '08 – Brandon
Sharon Denise Reed '91 – Philadelphia
Myrtis Burkes Richardson '41 – Philadelphia
Brooke Jenson Roberson '11 – Little Rock
Rhonda Bookout Rogers – Louisville
Kathy Culwell Robertson '87 – Noxapater
Billy Sanders – Florence
Shelia R. Sanders '00 – Forest
Stephanie L. Sanders '94 – Carthage
Lisa Sinclair Scott '80 – Canton
Sylinda Denise Scott '13 – Flowood
Bruce W. Sharp '03 – Union
Nickie Taylor Sheppard '03 – Decatur
Mary Jessica Shoemake '11 – Lawrence
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Ryan L. Smyth '08 – Noxapater
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Synthia Denise Willis '89 – Choctaw
Mark Williamson – Lawrence
Bethany Laird Wood '99 – Little Rock
Greg Allen Wood '98 – Little Rock
Kenneth Lyle Wooten '54 – Water Valley
North Carolina
Jeannet G. Boston – Charlotte
Pennsylvania
Malcolm E. (Bud) Winstead '67 – Hazleton
South Carolina
Charlie Grover Hope '56 – Simpsonville
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Texas
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Virginia
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ECCC Warrior Golf Classic Nets $10,000 in Student Scholarships

Golfers representing SouthGroup Cox in Carthage claimed the championship trophy but students are once again the real winners following the 13th annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic held earlier this summer at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club, located on the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw.

Sponsored by the ECCC Alumni Association, the four-person scramble netted $9,850 for student scholarships, according to event coordinator Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations at ECCC in Decatur.

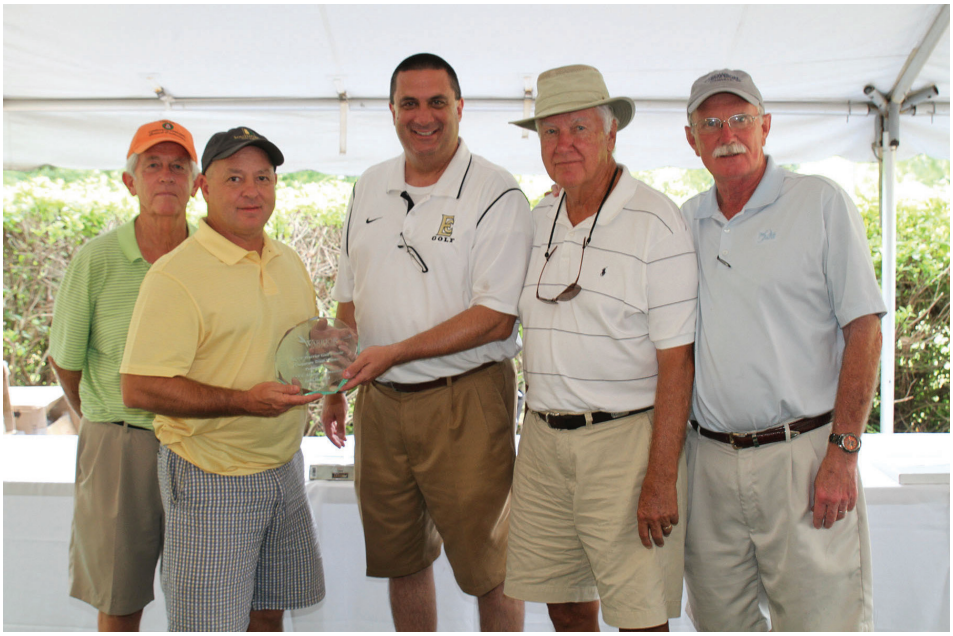
"We want to thank all participants and sponsors for another successful Warrior Golf Classic," said Dr. Hollingsworth. "Net proceeds from the tournament provide much-needed and appreciated scholarships for very worthy students. We truly appreciate the support received the past 13 years and encourage others to participate in this worthwhile event."

The SouthGroup Cox team posted an 18-under par 54 in the 18-hole event, held on the Oaks Course. Team members include Bob Jordan of Kosciusko, and Pat Hardage, Jimmie Bell and Jimmy Brown, all of Carthage.

Finishing second with a 56 was the Howard Industries team, whose members included Rusty Thoms of Madison, Michael Green of Starkville and Gordon McClokey and Shane Lowrimore, both of Hattiesburg.

Southern Pine Electric Power Association placed third, also with a 56. Team members were Chad Lewis and Jason Mangum, both of Decatur; and Lake Thoms and Hank Thoms, both of Newton.

Also competing in the championship flight were Community Bank (Tim Leitaker of Carthage, Steve Gibson of Forest, and Ray Riley and Gary Jolly, both of Madison), 58; First Financial Bank Team #1 (Brad Ogletree of Carthage and Jerry Bullard, Melissa Jerry and Chris Hegi, all of El Dorado, Arkansas, 58; Polo Custom Products (Casse Carpenter of Ackerman and Chris Covington, Tyler Moffitt and Tanner Long, all of Louisville), 59; and the Chris Harris Team (Dr. Billy Stewart, Chris Harris and Cole Harris, all of Decatur; and Barry Boatner of Meridian), 60.



These golfers representing SouthGroup Cox of Carthage claimed top honors in the 13th annual Warrior Golf Classic, sponsored by the East Central Community College Alumni Association. The talented linksters posted an 18-under par 54 on the Oaks Course at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club, located on the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw. The four-person team includes (from left) Jimmie Bell and Jimmy Brown, both of Carthage; Pat Hardage (fourth from left) of Carthage and Bob Jordan (far right) of Kosciusko, who received the championship award from ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart.

SECOND FLIGHT

Junction Team # 1 took top honors in the second flight with a 60. Team members included Neil Pettigrew and Ryan Jenkins, both of Philadelphia; Denise Hollingsworth of Forest; and Joey Walters of Union. IN Sports, Inc. (Greg Nowell and Jim Eakes, both of Philadelphia; Wes Kight of Louisville; and Andy Woidtke of Canton) placed second with a 60. Finishing third was Junction Team # 2 (J.B. Ware of Union, Wayne Heilbronner of Kosciusko, Mark Fleming of Philadelphia and Larry Hollingsworth of Forest), with a 61. Also competing in the second flight were First Financial Bank Team #2 (Gayden Bell, Terry Thomas and Van Ray Bowman, all of Carthage; and Steve Cameron of Hot Springs, Arkansas), 62; Milton Walker and Associates, Inc. (Milton Walker, Larry Dale and Jay Ott, all of Brandon; and Haywood Reeves of Forest), 63; Trustmark Bank (Doug Daly, Lance Duncan, Wright Griffis and Justin Webb, all of Philadelphia), 64; and PCA (Melanie Roland and Ken Ricketts, both of Brandon; Donnie Crabtree, Morton; and Steven Tyson, Pearl), 64.

THIRD FLIGHT

Industrial Training Solutions won the third flight with a 65. Team members included Chris Crawford, Ridgeland; Roger Whitlock, Union; and Chris Clark and Joe Barrett, both of Decatur. La-Z-Boy Team #2 (Ronnie Poythress, Meridian; Dustin Yeager and Kevin Rigdon, both of Union; and Troy Simmons, Newton) finished second with a 68. The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia and Neshoba County General Hospital team (Camp Keith, Hickory; Bruce Lee, Louisville; Dale Joyner, Philadelphia; and Johnny Crenshaw, Union) placed third with a 68. Other third flight participants were ESCO Corporation (Trent Floyd, Brandon; Percy Pearson and James Kiker, both of Decatur; and Andy Rowzee, Hickory), 69; Sequel Electrical Supply LLC and ECCC (Duane Ashmore, Collinsville; Artie Foreman, Little Rock; Sean Mowdy, Union; and Tim Pilgrim, Philadelphia), 72; Mississippi Power Company (Eddie Kelly and Kevin Thrash,

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both of Meridian; and Tommy Jackson, Lauderdale), 72; La-Z-Boy Team # 1 (Danny Simoneau, Louin; Tom Keith and Chris Davis, both of Decatur; and Randy Loper, Rose Hill), 72; and Valley Services, Inc. (Tau Iosia, Meridian; Marty Puckett and Randy Roberts, both of Brandon; and Truman Abbe, Ridgeland;), 73.

ON-COURSE PRIZE WINNERS

Participants who won various on-course competitions and were presented ECCC golf bags included Rusty Thoms (Howard Industries) of Madison; Bob Jordan (SouthGroup Cox) of Kosciusko; Chris Covington and Tanner Long (Polo Custom Products), both of Louisville. Chris Hegi (First Financial Bank Team # 1), of El Dorado, Arkansas, won the Drive the Middle contest, sponsored by Birdies for Charity, and received a gift certificate.

LA-Z-BOY WINNER

La-Z-Boy team member Kevin Rigdon of Union won the La-Z-Boy recliner.

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Gold Corporate sponsors included Community Bank (Forest), SouthGroup Cox (Carthage), ESCO Corporation (Newton), First Financial Bank (Carthage), Howard Industries (Laurel), Industrial Training Solutions (Madison), IN Sports, Inc. (Philadelphia), La-Z-Boy South (Newton), Milton Walker and Associates, Inc. (Brandon), Mississippi Power Company (Newton), Southern Pine Electric Power Association (Newton), Trustmark Bank (Carthage), Tyson Foods, Inc. (Forest) and Valley Services, Inc. (Jackson).

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Team sponsors were Junction (Philadelphia), La-Z-Boy South (Newton), PCA (Pearl), Polo Custom Products, Inc. (Louisville) and Sequel Electrical Supply LLC (Meridian),

T-shirt sponsors included Bowell Media (Kosciusko), Marshall Ford Co., Inc. (Union), Dr. Craig Martin (Philadelphia), Sam M. Nowell/State Farm Insurance (Philadelphia), State Representative Randy Rushing (Decatur), Union Discount Drugs and Watkins, Ward and Stafford (Philadelphia).

Drive the Middle Contest sponsor was Birdies for Charity (Jackson).

Food and beverages provided by Jerald and Rita Everett (Clinton) and Valley Services, Inc. (Jackson).

Prizes provided by Auto Zone (Newton), BankPlus (Newton), John Boutwell (Clinton), Cheryl L. Comans (Cleveland), ECCC Alumni Association, ECCC Warrior Golf Team, Flo Henley (Starkville), Pete Lucovich (Carthage), Mississippi Department of Transportation (Newton), Newton County Bank, Strebeck's (Newton), Jeanette Thrash (Decatur) and Walmart (Newton).

For more information, contact Dr. Stacey Holingsworth, 601-635-6327 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. Her email address is sholling@eccc.edu.

East Central Community College golf bags were presented to the above golfers who won various on-course contests at the 13th Annual Warrior Golf Classic held earlier this summer at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club, located on the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw. From left are Chris Covington and Tanner Long, both of Louisville and Polo Custom Products team members; Rusty Thoms (Howard Industries) of Madison and Bob Jordan (SouthGroup Cox) of Kosciusko.

Brad Ogletree (left) of Carthage accepts the "Drive-the-Middle" contest prize from East Central Community College President Dr. Billy Stewart at the 13th annual Warrior Golf Classic held earlier this summer at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club, located on the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw. The competition was actually won by Chris Hegi of El Dorado, Arkansas, who was unable to attend the awards ceremony. Both were members of the First Financial Bank Team #1, which placed fifth in the championship flight. Sponsored by the ECCC

Kevin Rigdon of Union sits comfortably in a new La-Z-Boy recliner he won at the 13th annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic held earlier this summer at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club, located on the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw. Ironically, Rigdon is an employee of La-Z-Boy South in Newton and was a member of the La-Z-Boy Team #2, which finished third flight runners-up.

Alumni Updates

40s

Mary Evelyn Rowzee Craft ('48) and husband, Charles "Pete" Craft celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on August 6, 2014. They have four children, nine grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

50s

W. Lamar Weems, M.D. ('51) was recently selected to receive the Medical Alumni Hall of Fame Award for 2014 from the Medical Alumni Chapter of the University of Mississippi. This honor is awarded to medical chapter alumni/faculty who have made an outstanding contribution to their country, state or the University of Mississippi Medical Center through their good deeds, services and contributions, all of which perpetuate the good name of the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

W. Lamar Weems

Patsy C. Johnston ('52) is retired. Her son, Lonnie M. Johnston, lives in Bossier City, LA. She has five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

L. N. ('54) and Charlotte ('54) Rhodes celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on August 21st.

60s

Lynn Copeland ('69) recently retired from Weyerhaeuser Company after 43 years.

70s

Dr. Cheryl H. Crooks ('76) is currently the Magnet Coordinator at The Center for Advanced Studies at Wheeler High School. She is still an educator after 36 years. Her daughter, Bethany Crooks, is a senior at Mississippi State University and president of Road Runners (student recruitment organization).

90s

Chad Harrison's Scott Central Lady Rebel basketball team was the Class 2A State Runnerup. Chad ('92) was the head coach of the MS/AL All-Star basketball team. They defeated the Alabama team. Mr. Harrison was named Assistant Superintendent of the Scott County School District.

Chris Croft ('93) joined Doc Sadler's staff at the University of Southern Mississippi as director of basketball operations.

Bart Gregory ('97) of Nanih Waiya was recently featured in the Newton County Appeal for his work as a broadcaster for Mississippi State University sports.

R. William Anderson ('98) was promoted to Master Officer at The University of Mississippi Police Department.

Bo ('99) and Lindsey ('03) Burkes moved to Starkville last year. Bo is now Managing Broker of Tom Smith Land & Homes first branch office in Starkville and is also flying GMS Helicopter for Hospital Wing in Oxford. Lindsey is a dental hygienist at Porter, Singley, Crane Family Dentistry in Columbus. They have two sons, Hayes and Jones.

00s

Kris Amis ('01) will graduate from Winston Salem State University with a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy in December 2014.

Roger Allen Davis, II ('04) recently completed his MLIS (Master of Library and Information Science) degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. Allen is currently employed in the Scott County School District.

In Memoriam

Juanita Berene Thompson Barnette ('37), November 19, 2013
Clarice Scarborough McKenzie ('42), September 24, 2013
Norma Dees Laird ('45), April 12, 2014
Louise Vance Walton ('46), May 7, 2014
Lola Malinna Harbour ('47), May 21, 2014
Andrew Norman Gipson ('48), June 6, 2014
Billy Joe Houston ('48), June 30, 2014
Mary Blocker Lofton ('49), June 2, 2014
Hershel G. Turner ('49), August 19, 2014
Richard L. "Bus" Chambless ('50), August 08, 2014
Jack Taylor ('50), April 27, 2013
Roy Lee Coghlan ('52), September 12, 2014
Jairus Pope Barham ('56), September 13, 2014
Ross Neal Hamilton ('56), April 23, 2014
William Montgomery "Mont" Mars ('56), September 04, 2014
William Herman Smith ('58), June 20, 2014
Bettye W. Cleveland ('59), July 08, 2014
Harold C. Johnson ('60), June 23, 2014
Johnny Ross Wright ('62)
James E. Vance ('63), August 19, 2014
Charles S. Thomas ('64), July 20, 2014
Joseph Lee (Joe Lee) McGee ('71), May 20, 2014
William Wayne Burton ('75)
Joel Kenneth Graham ('78), August 10, 2014
Michael L. Miller ('88), September 16, 2014
Frank T. Rives (Formerly faculty member/administrator), August 3, 2014
John Ed Lee (Former Board of Trustees member)

Weddings

Kayla Brooke Adcock and Joshua Sansom Richards – October 04
Anna Melissa Alexander and John Travis Blount, Jr.
Lindsey Bishop and Drew Harrison – June 21
Heather Nicole Blann and John Curtis Little – October 11
Madison Grace Brantley and Robert Edwards – September 27
Ashley Clark and Chase Dove
Erika Jordan Clark and Tyler Rex Germany – June 21
Meghan Clark and Andrew Paul Johnson
Michelle Gililland and John Thomas Williams – October 04
Logan Elizabeth Gray and Stephen Jacob Breland
Simone Greer and Marchello Hoskins – May 31
Caitlin Harper and Cade Hoggard – June 14
Donna Harris and Brett Campbell – August 30
Rhonda Houston and Gary Cole, Jr. – September 13
Samantha Brooke Holdiness and Charles Christopher Covington
Jana Johnson and Justin Hewitt – July 26
Holly Jones and Gary Cooksey
Martha Eliza Lauderdale and Michael Cade Parsons – September 27

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Thompson Scholarship Established

A new scholarship was recently approved by the College's Board of Trustees in memory of Albert P. and Blanche W. Thompson. The Albert P. and Blanche W. Thompson Memorial Scholarship was established by their four daughters, Rosalyn T. Mayes, Christine T. Riley, Ellen T. Johnson and Janice T. Tingle.

Albert Thompson was valedictorian of the East Central Junior College Class of 1935 and of his Decatur Agriculture High School graduating class. The lifelong Decatur resident married Blanche Williams of Meridian in 1938. They resided at the family farm home with his widowed mother and his three younger sisters, who were later also graduates of ECJC. They had four daughters who also attended or graduated from ECJC and their spouses also attended or were graduates of ECJC. Most of their 11 grandchildren attended ECCC.

The Albert P. and Blanche W. Thompson Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually to an ECCC student who will be entering his or her freshman year after graduation from high school with a 2.5 grade point average or high school equivalency diploma from the five-county area served by ECCC.

In addition, candidates must meet the following criteria: 1) be able to present definable career goals, plans and aspirations; 2) be willing to participate in an award ceremony and agreeable to publicity regarding the scholarship; and 3) not involved in any activity which would bring discredit to ECCC.

Recipients of the scholarship will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

"The ECCC Foundation would like to thank our donors who continue to support the scholarship program," said Dr. Hollingsworth. "We also encourage others to establish scholarships and help meet the financial needs of students."

During the 2014-2015 school year, the East Central Community College Foundation will award approximately 125 scholarships valued at $89,000.

For more information, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations, 601-635-6327 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. Her email address is sholling@eccc.ed

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Ashley Nashay Lovern and James Dylan Duncan
Amber Page Mann and Christopher Alan Spence
Meaghan Marie Mayes and Chance Edward Sistrunk – August 30
Meredith Brooke McKee and Evan Wade Humphries – July 19
Rachel Merrit and Matthew C. Hall
Julie Ann Osborne and Brandon Eric Pierce – August 16
Nakita Jo Ragsdale and Leroy Murray, II – June 21
Lacie Sessums and Christopher Ganann – August 2
Sara Kristin Sanders and John Douglas Kelly
Chasidy Ryanne Smith and Justin Taylor Gates
Kamesha Renea Stokes and Billy Anthony Moore – August 2
Katherine Nichole Sullivan and Dustin Jay Wilson – June 21
Yancey Leigh Tillman and Tyler Wayne Smith – September 20
Xycney Tripplett and Thomas Henry Carpenter
Dana Elizabeth Yarbrough and Paul Matthew McMahan – June 28

Births

Nathan W. ('03) and Leanne T. Stamper (Class of 2003), Rush Warner, September 15, 2014

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Career Highlights:

Remembering Frank Rives

by Ovid Vickers

Frank Rives, the former Dean of Admissions and Records at East Central Community College, passed away on August 3, 2014. Prior to being appointed as Dean, Rives was a teacher of mathematics and a mentor to a host of future mathematics teachers.

Many educators go into the teaching profession because of a teacher who acted as their mentor. I once asked the late Dr. Shelby Harris why he decided to major in mathematics and why he decided to become a teacher when he had planned to become an engineer.

His reply was, "I came to East Central and decided to become a math teacher because of Frank Rives who taught me to have a lifelong appreciation for the field of mathematics."

Today, there are math teachers, engineers and other professionals all over Mississippi and the Southeast who will speak about the teaching abilities of Frank Rives.

Mr. Rives began his college teaching career at East Central Junior College in 1953 as a math and physics instructor. He came to East Central from Southwest Community College and had previously taught mathematics and coached at Union High School. Mr. Rives not only made math interesting but also challenging.

Frank Rives had been teaching at East Central for two years before I joined the East Central faculty. I well remember passing his classroom and seeing him putting problems on the blackboard until every inch of space was covered with figures. He would use a box of chalk about every three days and was continuously lecturing while writing on the board.

He never went to class unprepared, and he was always pushing his students to complete just one more problem. When I passed him in the hall, I would say, "How are you, Frank?" His reply many times was, "Just pulling the chalk, pulling the chalk."

He was not exaggerating. Chalk dust was on his jacket; the blackboards were covered with problems from Frank's last classes, and every night the cleanup crew had to clean the chalk trays.

During his tenure at East Central, he also taught slide rule. There was a time when a giant model of a slide rule was attached to the wall above the chalkboard in his classroom.

Frank Rives

The engineering majors wore slide rules suspended from their belts as a kind of badge of pride. The slide rule indicated they were future engineers. However, times change. The slide rule has suffered the same fate as the manual typewriter and Gregg shorthand.

A Leake County native and a graduate of Lena High School, Rives held the Associate Degree from Clarke College, a Bachelor's Degree from Mississippi College, and a Master's Degree from the University of Mississippi. He was descended from a family of educators. His mother, who lived to an advanced age, taught school in Leake County for most of her adult life.

When Dr. Douglas Montgomery became the President of East Central in 1962, his one request was that the college registrar have a degree in mathematics. In compliance with the new president's request, the Board of Trustees appointed Frank Rives as registrar.

Frank served in that capacity until 1984 when Dr. Charles V. Wright, who was then president named him Dean of Records and Research, a position he held until his retirement in 1986. During his 33 years of service to East Central, he served under five of the college's seven presidents.

No position exists which does not have its high and low moments. Frank Rives readily admitted that the lowest moment during his tenure as registrar occurred when the college began registering students on the computer.

Registration was in its second day when a naive teacher attempted to learn how many students had registered for his classes. This teacher typed the wrong information into the computer, and the entire campus computer system shut down for two hours.

Registration came to a complete halt, technicians were summoned and Frank declared that any unauthorized person who touched the computer for the remainder of registration would be drawn and quartered.

The Frank Rives tradition at East Central continues through his students. A number of his former students has served on the faculty of East Central. One of those was Gail Fulton who said of her experience in Rives' classes, "When I transferred to senior college, I realized that Mr. Rives had prepared me well for advanced math courses required of mathematics majors. Throughout my teaching career, I always gave him credit for giving me a strong mathematics foundation."

In 2002, in recognition of his many years of service to the college, the East Central Board of Trustees voted to name the South Campus classroom building the "Frank T. Rives Educational Building."

Frank Rives served the college in many capacities, and it is fitting that all of the mathematics classes are now taught in a building which bears his name. Perhaps his greatest contribution was "pulling the chalk" to explain concepts to future teachers and other students who would carry on a love and appreciation of mathematics.

Rives is survived by his wife, Mary Lowery Rives of Decatur; son, Dr. David Rives of Newton; step daughter Dr. Mary Sue Lowery Bernhard of San Diego, CA; step son Paul Lowery of Union; seven grandchilfren; and six great grandchildren.

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ECCC Holds Ribbon-Cutting for 'New' Cross Hall

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014, to officially unveil the recently reconstructed and renovated Cross Hall at East Central Community College in Decatur. The 3.7 million dollar project was funded using State Bond Fund appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature. Construction was supervised by the Bureau of Buildings, Grounds and Real Property Management. The "new" Cross Hall is now a 14,093 square-foot facility, including two new tiered classrooms with a seating capacity of 100 per room; two new classrooms with a 60-person seating capacity; two newly renovated existing tiered classrooms that will accommodate at least 30; a renovated chemistry lab; and additional office space. Former ECCC President Dr. Phil Sutphin performs the ribbon-cutting duties assisted by Board of Trustees Chairman Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth of Lake and current ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart. The project was initiated during Dr. Sutphin's tenure as president. Construction began a few months following a groundbreaking ceremony on June 12, 2012. Also participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony were State Senator Terry C. Burton, R- Newton; State Representative Randy Rushing, R-Decatur; Decatur Mayor Pat O'Neill; Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville, representing the Mississippi Community College Board; Bureau of Buildings Grounds and Real Property representatives Glenn Kornbeck, director, and Mike Beauchamp, project manager; Randall Lewis, H&H Architects; Hugh Bergin, project manager, Chris Albritton Construction; several ECCC Board of Trustees members, ECCC Vice President for Instruction Dr. Teresa Houston, several ECCC retired faculty members and current science department instructors.